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Permanently reserved Westland Council meeting seats are wrong

Don't the people attending the Westland City Council meetings realize that when you get there at 4:30-5 p.m., that you have an objective for being there so early: you're getting there because you want a choice of the seats.

But a lot of the seats are reserved.

I have been on this earth 60 years. I'm older than some of the people who have requested me to give them my chair because of an unwritten reserve rule.

This is wrong. These people are something else.

Letter writing campaign urged against Romulus assistant to mayor

It's time for all the "good citizens" of Westland to get a letter writing campaign — and I mean a big letter writing campaign — to the mayor of Romulus, Mr. Oakley, and let the people of Romulus know, if they don't already suspect, what kind of man they have for an assistant mayor in Romulus.

If we do that, he might be pushed out of the area completely and we won't have to put up with him at all, not even as neighbors.

In favor of subsidized housing when a person can't afford not to be

To the person who complained about the subsidized housing for seniors: whoever you are, get on your knees and thank the good Lord that you're not in subsidized housing. Some of us can afford it.

But some of are in subsidized housing because we have to be. We also pay taxes. We're not supported by the government.

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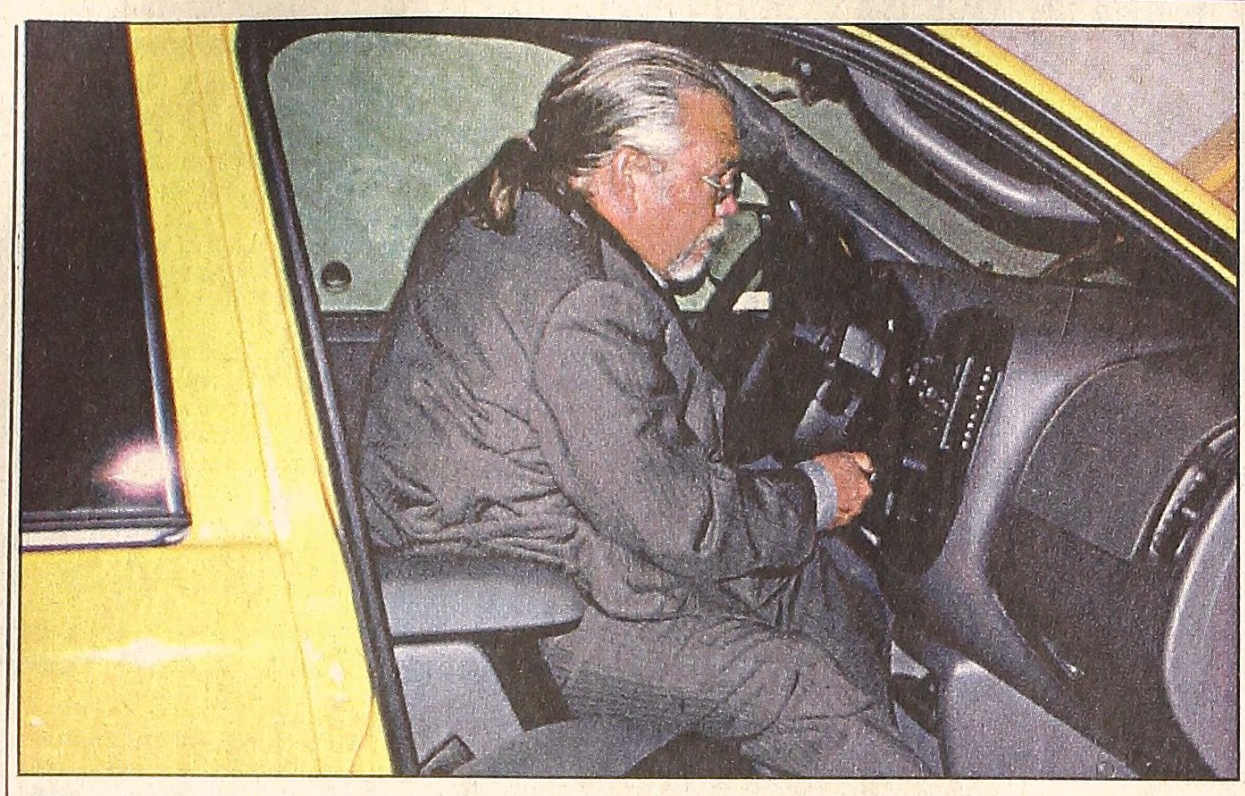


Key to the Highway

Designer Chesley Odom keys up a 2001 Ford Escape after winning $20,000 toward a car purchase in MCN's drawing last week at the Hellenic Center in Westland. "Never did I expect to win," said Odom, one of 50 entrants in the final drawing held to promote MCN's Belleville-area phone book, out today. Contest rules allow Odom to spend the money at one of four area dealerships: Jack Demmer Ford, North Brothers Ford, Red Holman/Pontiac-GMC-Toyota, or Taylor Chevrolet. *See Mike Wilcox column, page A-6.* Photo by Rita Bedel

Romulus man dies in crash

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Kevin Gilstorff

Funeral services for 34-year-old Kevin Gilstorff, who died in a one- car crash on Wayne Road early Sunday morning, will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at the Crane Funeral Home.

Two key factors in his death were: he apparently was wearing no seat belt and fell asleep at the wheel, while he was traveling around a curve while traveling southbound 3/4 of a mile north of Pennsylvania Road, Romulus Traffic Officer Cliff West revealed Tuesday.

The accident occurred about 2:15 a.m. Sunday, when the four door 1999 Pontiac went out of control on the curve and collapsed into a ditch.

West said there is no evidence that drugs or alcohol were a factor in the accident.

Mr. Gilstorff's death is magnified in its tragedy by the fact that his wife, Dawn, had died a little over a year ago (June 6, 1999), leaving behind a three-year-old daughter, Kayla, Councilman William Wadsworth told the council members Monday night.

Wadsworth said Mr. Gilstorff was his neighbor for about six years and that both he and his wife, Jean, were deeply saddened by his death.

The councilman also related that Mr. Gilstorff had recently been name president of the family owned Brigill Trucking Co., upon the retirement of his father, Robert.

He also was president of Aggigate Carriers of Michigan and was a member of the Antique Auto Club of America.

Mr. Gilstorff also is survived by his parents, Robert and Myrtle Gilstorff of Onsted; his grandmother, Harriet Gilstorff of Westland; two brothers, Karl R. of Romulus and Kurt K. (Cathy) of Belleville; and a sister, Mrs. Mike (Karen) Parson of Dearborn Heights.

The Rev. Kelly Smith officiated at the funeral. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park.

'Homecoming' Eagles shine

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The "People Movers" also known as the undefeated Romulus Eagles varsity football team didn't disappoint the Homecoming 2000 fans last week -- easily defeating the Trenton Trojans by a score of 40-6.

Despite earlier threatening weather last weekend, Romulus fans got a chance not only to see their powerful gridiron stars, but also their brand new sports concession stand that was opened for the first time over Homecoming Weekend.

Another first for the school district was Superintendent Joel Carr's appearance as parade marshall for the Homecoming Parade.

Parade wise also the Sophomore Class's float depicting a Mardi Gras theme took first place in the competition among classes.

In addition the Senior Class reportedly won the Spirit Jug.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the selection of the Homecoming Royalty.

Jessica Jackson was crowned the Homecoming Queen and Bernard Randall was selected as Homecoming King.

Romulus High's Homecoming Royalty selections included Queen Jessica Jackson and King Bernard Randall. MCN Special Photo

Motorist arraigned in fireman's death

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A Riverview motorist was arraigned Tuesday on a negligent homicide charge involving the death of a Trenton fireman back on July 21.

Chief 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green ordered David Glynn, 39, to return to court for a hearing on Oct. 18. Bail was set at $5,000 (10 percent).

The victim, Andrew Ross, 32, of Trenton, reportedly was operating a motorcycle, when he was killed on Pennsylvania Road in Romulus, west of Inkster Road.

Traffic Officer Cliff West reported that no alcohol or drugs were listed in the accident.

County on Cable TV on Oct. 19

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A two hour Wayne County Commission meeting conducted at Romulus City Hall on Oct. 5, will be telecast at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 on the Government Channel 12.

The meeting site requested by Commissioner John Sullivan (D-Wayne) began at 10 a.m. last Thursday.

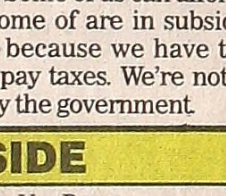
It is one of two commission meetings held outside Detroit each year.

The *Michigan Community Newspapers* apologizes for the mix up in dates in earlier stories.

Those attending the meeting also gathered for a brief lunch after the session and took a tour of the midfield airport terminal now being constructed at Metro Airport.

Buddy Walk

On Saturday morning, Lola Adewunmi and Dr. Victoria Haehl strolled in the 2000 Buddy Walk, a Western Wayne County Down Syndrome Support Group fund-raiser. The group sponsored the three-mile event to promote awareness of the common birth defect, said Angela Maiorana, event chair. Dr. Heahl, a UM medical researcher, said she was at the march looking for 7-10-year-old Western Wayne County kids with Down syndrome to work with.
Photo by Ivan Helfman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Members of the Senior Class of 1960, pictured above, got together last month at the Doubletree Hotel at the Metro Airport to reminisce about the good times, and the bad times they shared at Inkster High School. Photo by Reggie Bradley

Class of 1960

Memories - fond and scary shared

There were some good times, and some bad times that the members of the graduating Class of 1960 of Inkster High School recalled when former students and classmates came together to celebrate their 40th class reunion recently in Romulus.

Among those fond memories was of a young and energetic John F. Kennedy telling the nation to join hands, close ranks, to work together for a better America, and in rekindling the spirit of Democracy around the world; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was on the front lines, battling for equal rights for all Americans.

And the nation, despite the threat of the USSR, continued to prosper and grow.

"We all had our dreams," says Leon Haywood, who served on the reunion committee. "Some of the dreams were realized, while others weren't."

Then, there were the nightmares of the Sixties - the heinous murders of President Kennedy and Dr. King. The threat of global nuclear war.

But for most of the 100 members of the class of 1960 who returned briefly to the city and area, it was the time of their youth, a time they shared together...in joy and in tears.

They came back because of their strong bounds, to reminisce about life, in general, and life in the late 1950's, early 1960's at Inkster High, specifically.

The alumni came from as far away as California, Tennessee and South Carolina and organizers said they were pleased with the turnout.

Earlene Wilson, who was the graduating class of 1960's valedictorian, served as Mistress of Ceremony and Haywood was the Master of Ceremony.

The Planning Committee was made up of: Leon Haywood, Walter Stephens, Boise Pounds, Everett Myers, Robert Flowers, Frederick Hargrave, Clyde Cole, Eunice Cole, Joseph Hicks, Jasper Lindsey, Eunice Williams, Lalon Ransom, Helen Allen, Barbara Mingo, Rita Tye, Shirley Sims, Charlotte Jackson, Helen Parks and Esther Rush.

The 1960 Class Officers, all of whom were present at the special celebration, included: Earlene Wilson, president; Rosemary Jackson, vice president; Shirley Horne, secretary and Sharon Lincoln, treasurer.

The alumni were welcomed by Pearl Ricks, and a prayer was offered by Frankie Walton. Musical selections were performed by Tharold Williams, and the Rev. David P. Saunders offered a blessing. Rita Tye remembered those who had passed and eulogize her former classmates.

All said that they were looking forward to the year 2010, the year they would mark their "Golden Anniversary".

500 marchers poised to rally against violence

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The city, joined by its allies from neighboring communities, is ready to "March Against Violence."

The march, and rally that follows, is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Marchers are asked to assemble at Gulley Road, just east of Beech Daly.

The march is sponsored locally by the YWCA of Western Wayne County. The program is a part of the week-long observance by the YWCA of the "Week Without Violence."

More than 500 marchers are expected to participate in the march, which will begin at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Gulley Road and will continue on Michigan Avenue to the YWCA facilities which are located between Beech Daly and John Daly Roads.

More than 500 marchers are expected to participate.

Among the featured speakers are Dr. Isaiah McKinnon, former Police Chief of the city of Detroit.

Attorney General Jennifer M. Granholm is one of the honorary co- chairpersons of the event. She is encouraging citizens to participate in the program, and to voice their opposition against violence in our society,

In a press release, Granholm noted that "Violence has become an unwelcome part of this country's culture - the Week Without Violence is a chance for us to think about how we can work to change it."

The Inkster Optimists, United Community Services - Wayne Division, Family Independence Agency of Romulus, the Dearborn and Wayne Rotary clubs, the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Business & Professional Women-Wayne, have all joined with the YWCA and the Michigan Department of Attorney General as co-sponsors of the Week Without Violence - 2000.

Inkster Goodfellows to serve all-you-can-eat pancakes Sat.

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

There isn't any snow on the ground. Not yet, anyway.

And no one in these parts is thinking Christmas, unless, of course, you live in Frankenmuth where Christmas is a 24-hour, 365-day a year business.

Oh, excuse us, Frankenmuth is closed on Christmas Day.

But, there is a motley crew of Inkster residents who is thinking Christmas. They are the members of the Inkster Goodfellows.

"We're holding our annual Pancake Breakfast, to raise money for the kids," said Booker T. Dozier, president-emeritus of the Inkster Goodfellows. "This is one of our major fundraisers and we seeking community support."

The Goodfellows, those volunteers who make sure that *No Child is Without Christmas*, will be serving all-you-can-eat pancakes from 7 a.m. until noon on Oct. 14 at the Booker T. Dozier Inkster Parks and Recreation Center.

The center is located on Middlebelt Road, about a quarter of a mile north of Michigan Ave.

Donations are $6 per person and are tax deductible.

Nate Bishop, Inkster Goodfellow president, is urging residents who have a little free time on their hands and don't know what to do to it, to join the local organization and "do some good for the children of our community."

If you need more information about the Pancake Breakfast or the Goodfellows, contact Dozier at 313-562-6174.

Churches to distribute food

October has long been associated with harvest time in Michigan.

And, during the month, while farmers are busy bringing in their crops, a group of local and area churches will be inviting the needy to the table and offering them free groceries.

On Saturday, the Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C congregation, led by its pastor, Isaac King, Jr., and joined by local churches, businesses, agencies will host its annual "Harvest of Hope".

One of Harvest of Hope's highlights is the distribution of free groceries to the needy. The distribution will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until all the food has been distributed.

Along with the food, the church groups have also planned to host job and health fairs.

Upthegrove travels to Strasbourg

An Inkster student received an opportunity this summer to travel to Strasbourg to study social science.

Tony Upthegrove traveled overseas while studying social science through the Michigan State University Study Aboard Program.

The daughter of Pamela Fowler, Tonya graduated from Inkster High School in 1995 and is currently a communications major at MSU. She plans to graduate in 2001.

At MSU, Upthegrove has been involved with the black student retention conference planning committee, the Greater Lansing Urban League and was the programming director of Black Student Alliance.

According to the Institute of International Education, MSU now sends the largest number of students aboard from a single campus in the United States.

MSU currently has more than 145 programs in 52 countries and was recently recognized for its high-quality programs by the American Council on Education.

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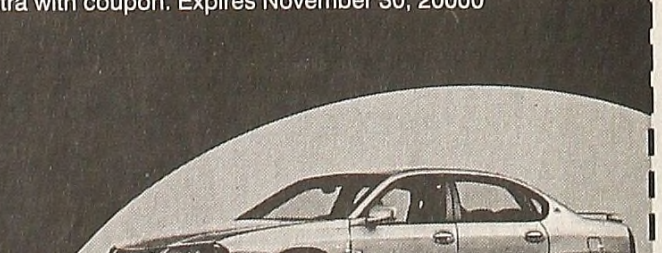

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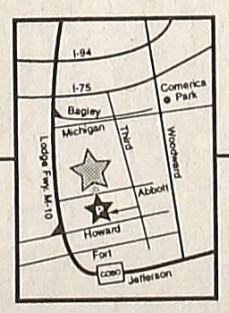

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Westland motorist almost dies pushing stalled vehicle

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It was approaching 8 p.m. when David Sharlow's 1983 Lincoln Towne car ran out of gas.

Sharlow, 56, of Westland, and his passenger decided to get out of the vehicle and push the car.

That decision almost proved fatal for Sharlow.

Sharlow went to the rear of his car and his passenger, on the driver's side of the vehicle, began to push the vehicle southbound on Merriman Road.

At the same time, a car traveling in the same direction and driven by 22-year-old Ted Whitehead, also from Westland, suddenly rammed into Sharlow, pinning him between the two vehicles.

Wayne police and Emergency Medical Unit were immediately dispatched to the accident scene. The victim was rushed to Annapolis Hospital for treatment.

According to police reports, Whitehead was also southbound and was behind a truck when the truck driver suddenly changed lanes and drove around the victim's vehicle.

According to the police report, Whitehead told police that he didn't have time to react to the situation and struck Sharlow. He also said the lights in the vehicle the victim was pushing were not on.

Nevertheless, Whitehead was ticketed by Wayne police for not having control of his vehicle, as required by law.

"Alcohol was not a factor in this accident," said Wayne Police Chief Mike Sumeracki.

Police noted that the accident, such as the one involving the victim, could have been prevented if the drivers had put on the vehicle's emergency flashers. They warn that pushing a vehicle from behind is taking one's life in their hands.

Seniors at the Transitional Health Services Center in Wayne enjoy a day in the sun after tending to their vegetable garden. The fruits of their labor are usually donated to friends and relatives.

Seniors plant a garden that blossoms with love

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A garden is a labor of love, the philosophers will tell you.

But, when the seniors at the Transitional Health Services Center in Wayne plant their garden it is that, and much more.

"We have some 49 adults at our facility," explains Larry Brazon, Activities Director, "and they like to get involved in doing things for others.

"The garden is just one of those things. Their harvest goes to friends and loved ones."

Brazon says that each spring the adults at the facility plant vegetables and flowers and they care for them with love. Then, at harvest time, they donate the flowers to friends, and the veggies, like tomatoes and corn, are shared with close friends and relatives.

And some of the seniors come up with brilliant ideas.

Like Genieve Swinehart.

"If you plant Kentucky wandering beans close to corn, the beans will grow up the corn stalk and you won't need sticks," says Swinehart, who happens to be 85-years-young.

By the way, the crop of corn went to help multiple the squirrel population in the Van Born-Wayne Road area.

Planting tomatoes also brings back a lot of pleasant memories for Clarence Kissel.

Kissel says he used to pick freshly-riped tomatoes on his farm, and the bite into one "is something you savor all your life."

Staff and employees work together to provide a "home-from-home" environment for the seniors.

The administration at the 34330 Van Born Road facility includes Alberta Doosie, director, and staff members: Anita Eaton (Medical Records); Harry Scott III (Social Services/Admission); Pat Yobak (Assistant Director of Nursing); Mary Lou Birman (Business Office); Kathy Spain (MDS Coordinator) and Milton Young (Maintenance).

Fall excitement

Comedy and the 5-K are top event

By popular demand, The Second City Comedy Club is returning to the city of Wayne.

Wayne Parks and Recreation's Arts & Entertainment officials announced that they has invited and the Second City Comedy Club has accepted an invitation to perform on Stage IV Theater.

The group will perform on Nov. 11. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Tickets are presently on sale at the Wayne Community Center, and may be purchased for $15 (adults) and $13 (seniors and students).

Recreation officials also announced that the Racquet and Exercise Club will stage its third annual 5-K Run/Walk event on Saturday, Oct. 28. The starting point is the Wayne Recreation Center, located on Howe and Annapolis roads.

Registration will be accepted the day of the event, starting at 8 a.m. The run and the walk will kick off at 9 a.m.

There is also a non-competitive walk which also starts at 9:05 a.m.

For more information about the walk-run please contact Nathan at 734- 728-2900.

And it's never too late to honor winners - the Wayne Punt, Pass & Kick winners.

The city of Wayne recently hosted the 2000 Michigan NFL - Gatorade PP&K competitions and surfacing as champs and qualifying for the next stage of competition were:

Boys 8-9 Division - Ryan Wohfeil; Boys 10-11 Division - Kreg Forrester; Boys 12-13 Division - Mike Mankis; Boys 14-15 Division - Andrew McMichael.

Crowned local champs in the girls' PP&K competition were: Girls 8-9 Division - Avalon Felan; Girls 10-11 Division - Andrea-Mae Fasten, and Girls 12-13 Division - Tiffany Malia.

All first place winners will move on to the Sectional PP&K contest to be staged on Saturday at Founders Park in Farmington Hills.

Rivers to host coffee hour

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in the city of Inkster on Oct. 19.

Rivers will be meeting constituents from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Inkster Library, 2005 S. Inkster Road.

For directions on how to get to the library or for further information, please call April Lewis in Rivers' District Office in Ypsilanti. She may be reached by dialing 734-485-3741.

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ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2000-30
OCTOBER 3, 2000

Regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, October 3, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Dickerson, Dobrowolski, McEachern, Haidous, Lentine, Shackelford. Member Absent: Powser, excused. Held a moment of silence for Hank Goudy, retired Fire Chief, and approved placement of a plaque in Goudy Park. Presented resolutions to Bob Ingram and Nancy Kiras. APPROVED: minutes of Special Meeting held September 19, 2000, Regular Meeting held September 19, 2000 and Special Meeting held September 21, 2000. Declaration of October 8-14, 2000 as Fire Prevention week in Wayne; bids awarded for a surveying instrument for the Building and Engineering Department and a computer system for the Police Department; designation of the Clinical Ligand Assay Society (CLAS), 3139 South Wayne Road, as a non-profit organization; purchase of replacement lights, cross arms and poles for the Streetscape Project from McNaughton-McKay Electric Company; Traffic Control Order No. 458, to place a STOP sign, facing east, for westbound Tod Street traffic; Traffic Control Order No. 459, to place STOP signs at the northwest, northeast and southwest corners of the intersection of Washington and Brush Streets; Traffic Control Order No. 460, to remove all "two hour" parking or "all day" parking signs from the City-owned parking lot located between Michigan Avenue West and the Rouge River, just west of Wayne Road; resolution to clarify issues and authorizations for the Housing Commission; acceptance of a Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) to equip all marked Police Department vehicles with video cameras; compensation package for the Deputy Police Chief and Deputy Fire Chief; resolution consenting to an encroachment into the public alley north of 3680 Elizabeth Street, provided the City is held harmless from any claims, costs and damages; lot split for 35425 Michigan Avenue West; declaration of 35612 Main Street as a Hazard/Nuisance, on an emergency basis; Change Order No. 2 with Lanzo Construction, regarding the 2000 Water & Sewer Replacement Project Phase II. Called a Special Election for February 6, 2001 regarding the proposed charter amendment; Called a Special Meeting for February 5, 2001, at 8:00 p.m. because of the election on February 6, 2001. Received and Filed Communications and Reports and consent Calender. Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
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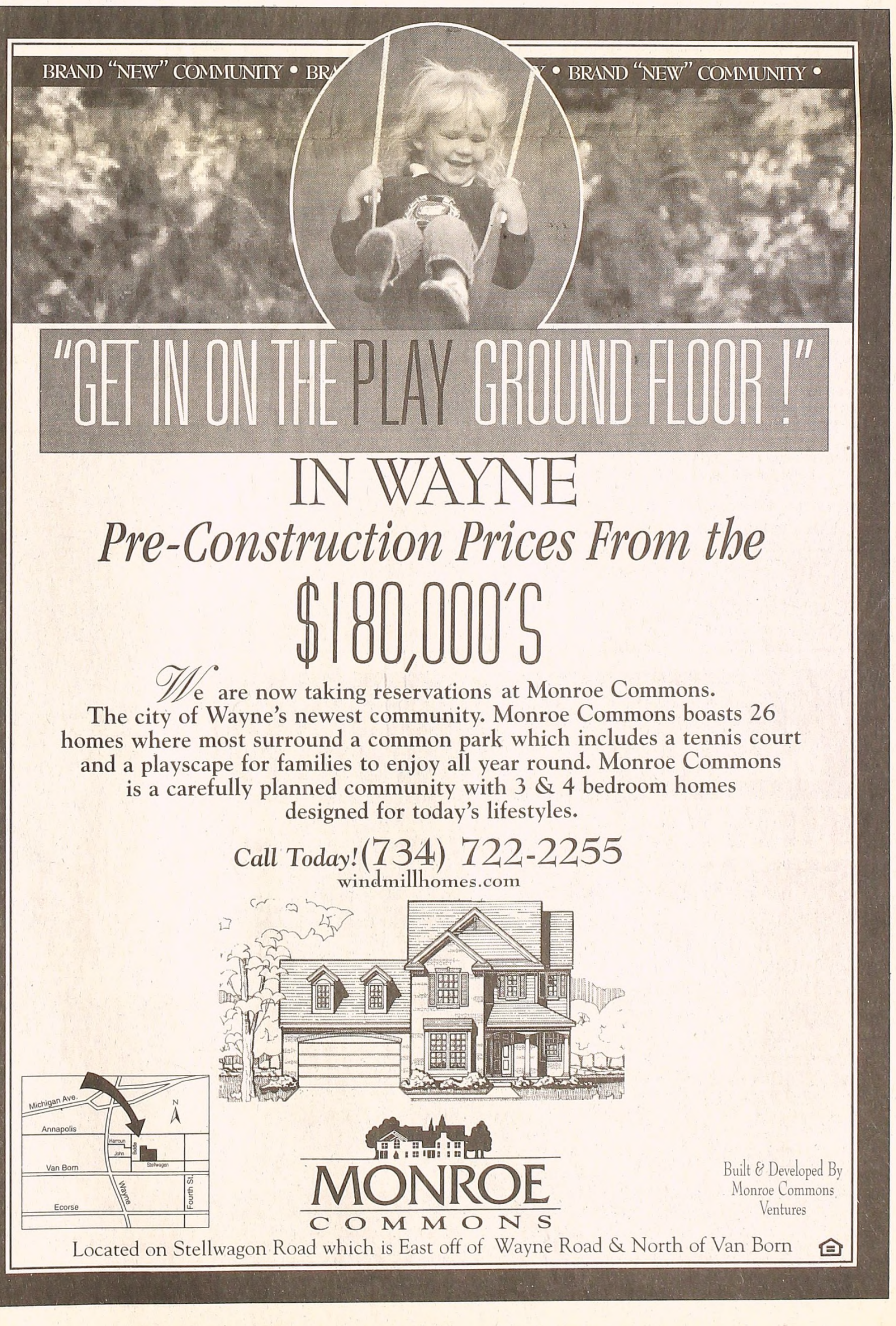

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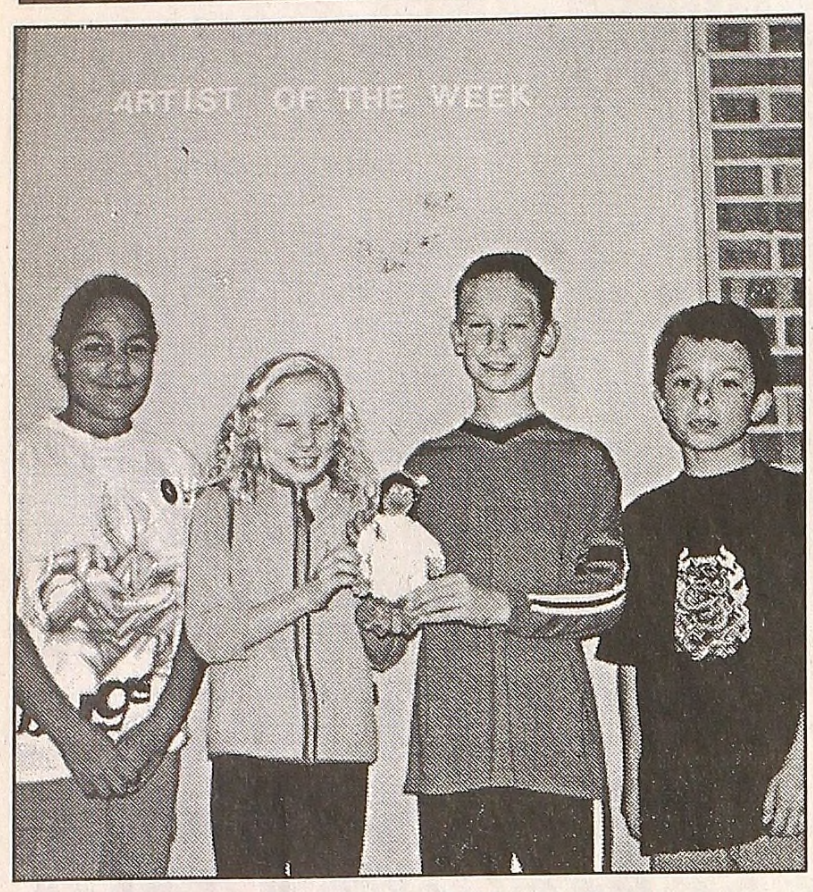


Artist of the Week

Katie Martin, Allie Schultz, Brandon Ladina and Kevin Karlinski, fifth graders at Tyler Elementary in Belleville, were chosen artists of the week. Students in Brie Stosick's art class studied scientists, and worked in teams to produce their own "scientists." They determined their scientists' gender, race, nationality and field of scientific study in accordance with the Michigan Framework standards.

Oh Deer! Crashes impact Southeast Michigan

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. Cautious motorists' feet move a little more readily to the brake when they spot shadows alongside the road, as they try to avoid a run-in with Bambi. And with good reason. It's the season for car-deer crashes, which account for about 3.4 per cent of all crashes in the state.

There were 5,465 deer-vehicle crashes in Southeast Michigan last year, according to figures released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, based on crash data received from the Michigan Department of State Police.

Deer-vehicle crashes figures were nothing to be sneezed at in the tri-community area last year. Nineteen of Sumpter Twp.'s 120 car crashes involved deer, amounting to 15.8 per cent of all crashes. And 28 of Van Buren Twp.'s 851 crashes involved deer.

While the greatest number of overall crashes occurred between 3 and 6 p.m., the greatest number of deer crashes occurred between 6 and 9 p.m. The largest percentage of all crashes involving deer occurred between 3 and 6 a.m. (14.4 per cent), followed by 9 p.m. to midnight (8.1 per cent).

As most would guess, rural areas saw the highest ratio of deer crashes to total crashes. In some communities, nearly 40 per cent of the total crashes for the year involved deer. In Washtenaw County's Sylvan Twp., 36.7 per cent of the total 297 crashes involved deer, and Marion Twp. in Livingston County, reported 39.1 per cent of crashes on its roads involved deer.

SEMCOG is a member of the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition, working to decrease the vehicle-deer crashes. This year, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources estimates the deer herd to be 1.9 million. The coalition notes that deer crashes occur most frequently during late October, November and December, usually on dark, unlighted roads during early morning or late evening commutes. Deer crashes are costly; the average insurance claim is about $2,000. The coalition recommends the following to help you steer clear of deer:

- Look for deer, especially in the evening—and slow down if you see them.
- Watch for deer-crossing signs, a reminder to drive cautiously.
- Drive at lower speeds through a posted area any time of day or night
- Use common sense; wear safety belt, stay awake, alert and sober.
- If you can't stop, don't swerve out of your lane. It's generally safer to hit the deer than run off the road or risk injuring another motorist.
- If you hit a deer, report the crash to local law enforcement.

Market to host fall favorites

The Belleville Farmer's Market will host several fun fall follies next weekend.

The Pumpkin Carving Contest will begin at 10 a.m., and prizes will be awarded in the child and adult divisions.

The baking contest, featuring recipes using pumpkin promises a delight to the taste bud.

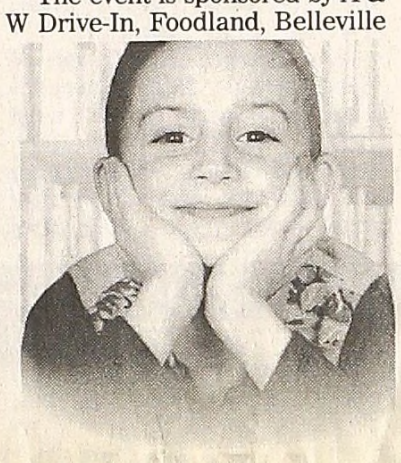
There market will also host other fall favorites, such as apple bobbing, hayride, face painting and plenty of surprises.

The market events will be Saturday, October 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fourth Street parking lot, across from the Fischer Library.

The event is sponsored by A & W Drive-In, Foodland, Belleville Independent, Belleville Christian Community Church and the City of Belleville. For more information, contact City Hall at 697-9323.

The baking contest rules are as follows:

- Contestants must provide one uncut loaf of bread, one uncut pie or six rolls, muffins, cookies, etc. Entries must be in sealed bags or plastic wrap, with no label or identification of the contestant.
- Contestants must provide a recipe for each entry, and give the City of Belleville permission to publish the recipe in a newspaper and/or cookbook in conjunction with the Farmer's Market.
- Entries must be turned over to the Market Supervisor no later than 10 a.m. on the Saturday of the contest. Each contestant will fill out a form and be assigned a number which will be placed on the entry so the judges will not know who the contestants are during the judging process.
- Winners will be announced at the end of the judging (before the Market closes at noon), and winners will not be required to be present to receive their awards.
- If a large number of a single type of entry are received, the judging may be divided into two or more categories.
- Belleville Farmer's Market Dollars will be awarded with a certificate for first place ($25), second place ($15), and third place ($10) winners. The Market Dollars may be used with any vendor at the Market, on any Saturday during this season through October 28.



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Notice of Public Hearing

Residents of Van Buren Township and notified that at the October 17, 2000, Township Board meeting at Township Hall, a Public Hearing will open for discussion of the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds, or other budgetary matters. The 2000 Amended General Fund Budget proposal totals $8,498,361; the proposed 2001 General Fund Budget totals $9,182,159. The Special Revenue Funds under consideration are Fiscal Year CDBG, D.D.A., French Landing Improvement Project, Capital Improvement Fund, Landfill Fund, Museum Fund, Hannan Road Project (SAD), 911 Service Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund and State Forfeiture Fund. Each of these funds has an anticipated budget which is available for public review. Consideration of each of the funds will be heard at the Public Hearing and will be an agenda items for Board deliberation. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The specific proposals are available for your review in the Clerk's office, on Friday, October 13, 2000, at Van Buren Township Hall 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township.

Cindy C. King, CMC
Township Clerk

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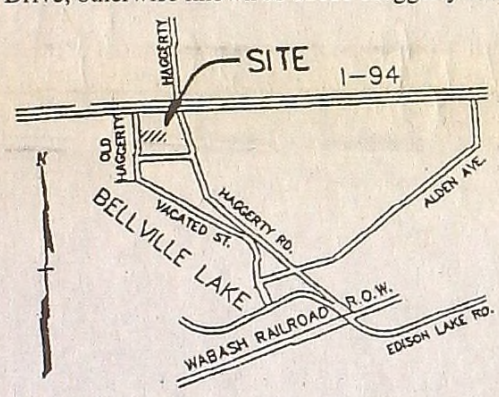

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Inkster Good News

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In concert

Rev. Terrell A. Jackson, pastor of Womack Temple C.M.E. Church, 28445 Cherry Street in Inkster, proudly announces a Benefit Concert hosted by the New Church Building Fund Committee. The concert will be presented by the dynamic Inkster Community Choraleers under the capable direction of the multi-talented Gregory Eberhardt, "Inkster's Director." The program will be presented beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the church. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to come, praise and exalt the name of Jesus.

Wilsons celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson Sr.

By THEOLA HUNTER
MCN Special Writer

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cato Wilson Sr., of Westland, recently celebrated 50 years of marriage by reaffirming their wedding vows, before Elder M. G. Cato, Pastor Emeritus of Berean Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

The lavish affair was held at the Omni Hotel on the Detroit River in Detroit.

Mrs. Grace Jackson Wilson, a retired Inkster School District educator, relinquished the role of teacher in 1987. Her dedicated mate of five decades retired from Wayne County General Hospital as a nurse in 1977.

The Wilsons are the parents of four children, 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. All members of the original wedding party were present for the anniversary celebration, which was also a celebration of the Cato Family - Year 2000 Reunion.

Over 150 guests were present including relatives from New York City, Atlanta, Georgia, Boston and several other cities in Michigan.

Many friends were also present to help the couple celebrate 50 years of marriage.

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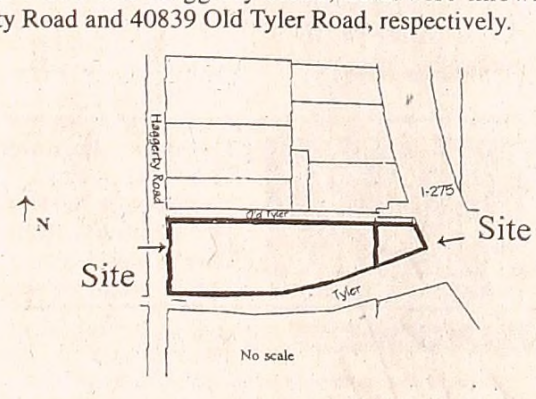

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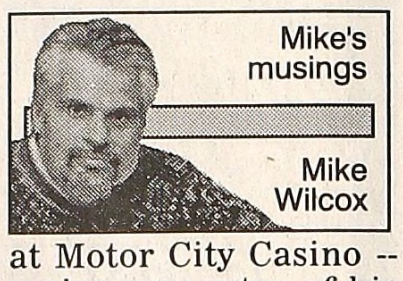
Belleville businessman wins new car in MCN giveaway



Chesley Odom was one happy dude. It had been a crummy day. The weather was lousy and he couldn't find the invitation.

To top it off his wife fell victim to that nasty strain of cold-flu that unabashedly entering area households. The never-late Odom was seriously considering calling it a day and registering a no-show at the party he had already committed to.

But then he remembered, the invitation said you must be present to win. So better late than never, Odom forced himself in to his late model Cadillac and made the long trek from Belleville to Westland.

Two-and-one-half hours later, the self -proclaimed "never lucky" Odom put his key into the SUV and heard the engine chug, signaling he had just wan a brand new Ford Escape.

Odom, owner of Chesley Odom Designs in Belleville, had just won Michigan Community Newspapers' $20,000 Car Giveaway. He was one of ten finalists given keys to attempt to start the Escape.

The finalists were chosen from over 3,000 entries in a contest that began a month ago. At a big bash at the Hellenic Center, each of those finalists were invited to try to start the Escape. Odom's was the only key that did.

One of the first people to congratulate Odom were Dennis and Pat Hermatz, last year's winner of a convertible Mustang. 1999 was a banner year for the Hermatzes. They not only won the car but sold their house to CVS Pharmacy, and moved into a much larger home down the street.

I couldn't think of a better winner than Odom.

The longtime Belleville businessman, whose latest design effort is on public display -- LaShish Restaurant at Motor City Casino -- has been a major supporter of his community and this newspaper.

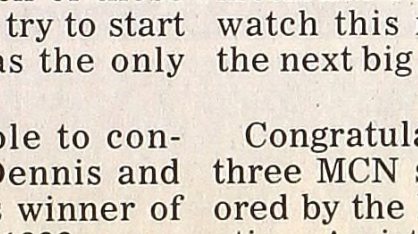
He has volunteered his services more times than President Clinton has told lies and his generosity is legend.

And now for a shameless plug. This Car Giveaway was our fourth in six years of doing business. Michigan Cormmunity Newspapers, if you haven't realized by now, gives away more cash and prizes than any other newspaper in America. That's more prize money than the Detroit Free Press and News hands down. Ditto the Observer or Heritage Newspapers.

While bigger newspapers spend their extensive promotional budget on advertising, we choose to give it to our readers and advertisers. Last week' s car giveaway is only the beginning of an extensive promotional season. We suggest you watch this newspaper weekly for the next big money giveaway

Congratulations are in order for three MCN staffers who were honored by the Michigan Press Association. Assistant Publisher Rita Bedell came away with first place for Best Classified Advertisement. Managing Editor Ivan Helfman placed third in the Human Interest Feature category, and veteran reporter Tom Mooradian placed third as well for his series "Local Schools in turmoil."

Parents don't lose your cool



Area parents if you suspect your child might have meningitis...don't panic.

If your child's temperature starts to go through the roof--don't lose your cool...he or she needs your love, quick access to medical care and the power of prayer.

No this writer is not a para-medic--but has lived on both sides of the meningitis issue.

As a teen-ager, I witnessed the sudden savage death of a 10-year-old brother from spinal meningitis.

In that case, my brother Gerry showed no abnormal signs of serious illness until hours before his death early in the morning.

The visiting doctor attributed the cause to his being bitten by an insect that hovered around animals.

Our only clue is that Gerry and his school mates visited a zoo three days before his death.

While that incident back in the 50's created shock and unbelief for weeks...since none in the family heard of meningitis prior to this incident...it proved to be a tremendous learning tool for me.

Twenty five years later, my daughter Dixie woke up with an extremely high fever. My non-medically trained brain immediately suspected meningitis.

Dixie's overheated body was immediately wrapped in a blanket, but the heat still permeated both the blanket and my jacket.

She was immediately taken to a nearby health clinic and within less than an hour a local hospital.

Unlike my brother's case, Dixie fell victim to bacterial meningitis -- the same type impacting the tri-county area today.

She was placed in an intensive care style unit for 24 hours and remained on intravenous for nine more days.

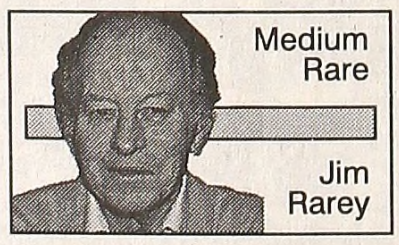
Medical treatment probably has progressed amazingly since the mid-70's in the treatment of meningitis.

But even more impressive is the fact that a growing number of doctors are realizing that your spiritual side has a major impact on your survival rate.

To this day I am deeply thankful that God inspired our dedicated doctor to ato attend her case for 10 straight days without a day off.

Some doctors even are more diligent than reporters. And may God continue to bless them!

County spending gambles on good times



Most economists and private industry forecasters will tell you that any projections past two years in the future are pretty shaky and depend entirely on the assumptions folded into the projections.

Politicians at the county level (as well as the national level) are promising and spending for programs assuming that the current good times will last for the next ten to thirty years.

Wayne County, for instance, has dipped into the bond money voters authorized to finance two stadiums in Detroit to the tune of $50 million. The money is being used to purchase property and for other purposes on the "Pinnacle" project, a development just south of Metro airport. County officials project that the "tourist tax" (a tax on rental cars) will generate $160 million more than needed to pay off the stadium bonds. The projection assumes the economic climate conducive to tourism in the area will continue over the thirty-year life of the bonds.

The county is also buying property along the corridor between Metro and Willow Run airports for development by the county. The rationale is that it will create jobs in the area, but the county expects to make a profit on the sale and lease of the properties it acquires (reportedly some will be by condemnation).

County politicians are not the only ones betting on continued good times. Both presidential candidates have plans for spending a huge "projected surplus" over the next ten years. Congressional Republicans and Vice-President Gore both say they would put Social Security surpluses in a "lock box."

The problem is the only thing in the 'lockboxes" (trust fund) are IOU's (treasury bonds) that will have to be redeemed with non-Social Security taxes beginning in 2012. (That's why they talk about "ten year" plans.)

When we have the inevitable economic downturn, a lot of government programs will be in a world of hurt.

Few journalists deserve awards

According to Publisher Mike Wilcox's column, the Michigan Press Associations Awards are out and I placed in one of the categories.

Thank you judges. You were kind.

While I'm not so sure that I deserved the award, I would like to discuss two writers who certainly deserve international journalism awards, but haven't received any of the big ones.

The first is Phillip Knightley, one of the few war correspondents who has retained his integrity during the Bush-Clinton years.

Knightly hearkens back to the Vietnam War, when most reporters still tried to tell the truth.

"When groups of old war correspondents gather in a bar -- as they have been known to do -- they shed a nostalgic tear for Vietnam," he wrote.

In Vietnam, the United States military armed reporters, defended them, boozed with them, and included them on missions -- Al Gore being the exception that proves the rule.

"Free from any censorship, the war correspondents went where they chose, reported the truth as they saw it and, according to the military establishment, thus lost the United States the war," Knightley said, explaining the military's fear of the press after the marines evacuated Saigon. A fear that resulted in Kosovo, where 2,700 media people accompanied NATO forces when they waged a war against "genocide," bombing Serbia's women and children instead of encountering combat soldiers.

Of the 2,700 media people, Knightly was one of the few who confess that the press was only allowed to write propaganda.

"We drowned in wave after wave of words and images that added up to nothing," he said.

Problem was that almost everybody else parroted the propaganda so that the Kosovo campaign is still a secret.

"Basically, the military has won its 150-year battle with war correspondents: journalists want to tell the public everything; the military's attitude is: 'Tell them nothing till the war's over, then tell them who won,'" he wrote. Reporters were told that they can't cover battlefields nor military areas without escorts. Reporters could only see and hear what was allowed.

As a result, journalists had to decide if they wanted to continue as propagandists for the Pentagon. Desperate for copy, most agreed.

So, according to journalist Robert Fisk, as quoted by Knightly, the war produced two types of journalists: the "frothers" who had "convinced themselves of the justice of the war and the wickedness of the other side"; and the "sheep," who blindly followed NATO's word.

"The most shameful event for the media during the Kosovo war was a United States Congressional fact-finding mission to Yugoslavia between April 18 and 21," Knightly wrote. "Congressmen felt they could trust neither the administration nor the media to tell them what was really happening -- what an indictment of war correspondents. How did they allow this sorry state of affairs to come about?"

The war ended with few Serb military casualties or loss of equipment. As the lies begin to come out, we see that the only casualty was the truth.

"We were not told that the CIA helped train the Kosovo Liberation Army before the bombing began," he wrote. "We were not told that the KLA realized its attacks on Serb policemen would bring retaliation on ethnic Albanian civilians but it went ahead anyway because it hoped that Serbian atrocities would bring in the west -- as they did.

"We did not realize at the time that NATO was lying when it said it did not deliberately attack civilian targets. It was not until June that NATO's commander, General Wesley Clark, admitted to the BBC's Mark Urban that NATO planes were targeting civilian targets -- women and children.

"We believed NATO when it said it was systematically destroying the Serbian army in Kosovo, only to learn after the war that this was simply not so. We believed the figures the State Department and Pentagon released for the number of ethnic Albanians murdered by Serbs, only to see them come tumbling down -- 500,000, then 100,000, then 10,000 -- when NATO entered Kosovo and sufficient mass graves failed to materialize."

At last count there were 2,000 bodies between both sides, a small number for a civil war. I believe that 600,000 perished in our War Between the States.

Though this number was tallied by the UN, it's almost impossible to read it here, except on the Internet, thanks to modern reporters.

The other journalist who deserves an award for integrity is the columnist Taki, who circulates his "Top Drawer" in the New York Press, which I read on the Net.

Taki resigned as a columnist in the London Sunday Times in order to start "Top Drawer," giving up a $130,000-a-year salary and a readership of close to two million for a slot in a free alternative paper.

"I don't regret it, though it's an uphill struggle," he said. "The liberal news media fill the city's airwaves, magazines and newspapers with an endless stream of propaganda. Their constant attacks on conservative principles, on the police and on the Christian religion reveal just how much they hate the idea of a traditional America. . . . to hell with objectivity."

While I relish my award, I've done little to move journalism away from propaganda as Knightly and Taki have done.

Where are their awards?

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Jealousy prompted attack on Brenda Gracin

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the letter temporarily on the MCN website regarding Mrs. Gracin.

I want to start off by saying that before this recall, I did not know Mrs. Gracin. Mrs. Gracin did not approach me at any time. In the time since I have become acquainted with her, she has proven to be a model citizen, and a fantastic person.

Coming into this situation, the firing of Pat Gibbons and the backlash since, I did not make up my mind right away. I sat back and assessed the situation. I listened to both sides and investigated the circumstances. I decided for myself that what was going on in this city was wrong. The voice that spoke to the issues as I viewed them was Mrs. Gracin. In the time since, Mrs. Gracin has held herself to the highest standards, acting as a responsible citizen addressing issues she felt were important. People who felt the same way naturally joined with her. We are talking about almost 6,000 people in the city of Westland that because of Mrs. Gracin and all those who have worked for the recall have decided to take an active part in working towards a positive change.

To the author of that letter, I say this, as you chose not to sign your name I completely disregard anything you have to say as nothing more than an illustration of the very worst kind of person. We are talking about the kind of person who is of such small stature that they have no understanding of integrity, who out of ignorance, seeks to attack the nearest and dearest parts of a person in an effort to bring upstanding people down to make themselves feel better.

A lonely person who does not have the ability to establish friendships so out of jealousy strikes out at people who can. This kind of person feeds on negativity and orchestrates situations to satisfy that hunger. You chose Mrs. Gracin's love of God and Church as a way to hurt her. How sad I am for you. You are truly an object of pity. You are everything Mr. Griffin accuses recall supporters of being. In such, you not only insult a moral person such as Mrs. Gracin, you insult the almost 6000 people in this city that feel as she does. Your efforts to manipulate people who support the recall by lies will not work, so crawl back into your little hole. Stay there until you learn to have the courage to face the people you try to defame.

But make no mistakes, the recall will not end until Mr. Cox and Mr. James are removed. No matter what you write, no matter how hard you try to twist things with your lies. The truth will always float to the top. You will be left where you started, a bottom feeder with only your delusions for comfort.

Susan M. Barton
Westland

Bible disses bloodshed

To the editor:

"Thou shalt do not murder" (Matthew 19:18).

"We indeed justly: for we receive the due reward of our deeds" (Luke 23:41).

Genesis 9:6, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."

God hates, "Hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17).

"The blood is the life" (Deuteronomy 12:23).

"At 17 days, the new life has developed its own blood cells; the placenta is a part of the new life and not of the mother."

Let us also hate, "Hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:17).

Isaac Colvin
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Gore opposed for calling Constitution 'old-fashioned'

To the editor:

I am worried about the future of this country. There are many reasons why, thanks to Clinton/Gore, such as demoralized military (the Cold War is only in hibernation); blocking a coal mine with 1,000 years of EPA-approved clean energy reserves so that we must continue to buy clean coal from the Indonesian Lippo Group; proclaiming to be opposed to assault rifles while allowing China to export 2,000,000 per year to this country, plus 1,000,000 Glock-style handguns from Russia; lying to the American people, and the list goes on.

The media says that Clinton/Gore have created a roaring economy, but if so, why didn't the stock market crash when Clinton was impeached?

An esteemed Northwestern University economics professor asked this final exam question: "What has fueling the roaring U.S. economy in the 1990s?" The abbreviated answer, according to a student who aced the question, 1) The Asian crisis, 2) HMOs drove down the cost of health care, 3) The cost of oil plummeted, 4) The price of computers dropped 50% every year. Nowhere in the answer do you find "Clinton/Gore got elected."

> *I love the Constitution. Al Gore thinks it's "old-fashioned." He believes it ought to "evolve."*

Now here's why I'm worried. I love the Constitution. Al Gore thinks it's "old-fashioned." He believes it ought to "evolve."

Growing up, I read of national ID cards in foreign countries and how Americans would never stand for that. Well you have one. Look on the back of any driver's license and see the magnetic information strip dictated by the Clinton/Gore administration.

Liberal columnist Nat Hentoff wrote that the Constitution has never take such a beating as under the Clinton/Gore administration. It's all done by Executive Order, a tool that Clinton/Gore have used to circumvent the separation of powers built into our Constitution. Watch out if Gore gets elected.

Americans take heed, ignore the media, think for yourselves.

Gary Little

Mayor urges 'Yes' on Proposal 2

To the editor:

I want to urge every Michigan voter to vote "yes" on Proposal 002, also known as the Let Local Votes Count initiative, which will appear on November's ballot. It will protect home rule-the ability of every local unit of government to enact laws that make sense for the communities they represent.

This initiative would simply require a two-thirds vote for state government to overturn local laws.

Special interests groups and their paid lobbyists oppose Let Local Votes Count because it makes their job more difficult. They know that it's easier to influence legislation and less than 100 legislators in the back rooms of Lansing-far away from the eyes of local citizens than to be good corporate neighbors in hundreds of cities, townships and villages. Let Local Votes Count helps keep government honest.

Opponents, including the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, would have us believe that every village, township and city across Michigan need exactly the same laws and regulations to prosper. To the contrary, each community is different and must have the flexibility to tailor laws and regulations to the needs of its local businesses and residents in order to prosper.

One size does not fit all. What makes sense for big industry in Grand Rapids is not necessarily good for the small town business owner. Our nation was founded on the concept of local control. In every community, citizens elect local leaders who know what is best for them locally. These same citizens vote for state representatives and statewide office holders to take care of business on the state level. Why would we want state government to strike down laws, willy-nilly, that have been considered and enacted for the good of the people and businesses in our home towns?

Across Michigan, local communities thrive, in large part, because local laws and local values keep them thriving, beautiful and safe.

Vote Yes and Proposal 002 to preserve local control.

Sincerely,
Toni Fielder
Mayor City of Belleville

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BOLITHO, BETTY, 75 of Westland, passed away October 2. Loving wife of the late Robert. Dear mother to Barbara (Richard) Day, David Bolitho, William (Katherine) Bolitho, and Dennis (Valerie) Bolitho. Dear sister to Larry Hitchcock. Loving grandmother of 5 and great grandmother of 9. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Joy officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

CROWE, GORDON A., 76 of Belleville, passed away September 30. Beloved wife of Deloris R. (Dahl) Crowe. Dear son of the late Jack H. and Ethel E. (Rhodes) Crowe. He was a chemical engineer. He was also a member of the B.B.C. Striders, Condo Association, Belleville Ski Club, he was also a private pilot and avid reader. He also served his country in the United States Army during World War II. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

DAVIS, BENNIE, 61 of Inkster (born in Jackson, Mississippi), passed away September 16. Survived by Josephine Steele, Alphonso Williams, family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with cremation rites were accorded.

DUKES, JESSIE D., 72 of Inkster (born in Neola, Alabama), passed away September 18. He leaves behind to cherish his memories six children (Juanita, Johnny, Acquanetta, Shirley, Barbara, and Alvin), four brothers, two sisters, twenty-two grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and many friends and family members. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Greater Grace Temple of Taylor.

FERGUSON, DONALD L., 65 of Westland, passed away October 6. Loving husband of Marlene (Sylvester) Ferguson. Beloved father of Christine (Keith) Winnie, and Jannell (Dennis) O'Connell. Dear brother of Betty Devine and Ronald Ferguson. Loving grandfather of Daniele and Marlee. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Myron Sordahl officiating. Interment followed at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Westland or the Arbor Hospice.

GOUDY, HENRY (HANK), 89, passed away September 30. Former Chief of the Wayne Fire Department. Beloved husband of the late Gen. Dear father of Jane (Thomas) Martin and grandfather of Kenny. Brother of the late Otto, Hattie Dumke, and Molly Goudy. Memorial services were held at Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Memorial contributions may be given to the donor's choice.

HARRIS, ADDIE LEE, 73 of Inkster (born in Desarc, Arkansas), passed away September 18. Preceded in death by her husband. She leaves behind ten children (Gracie, Mattie, Monica, Larry, Harry, Marvin, Terry, Cheryl, James, and Billy), two brothers, four sisters, and many other family members and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. John Harris officiating.

HULL, SUSIE K., of Westland passed away October 2. Beloved wife of the late Pete. Dear mother of Edward DeHetre, Judy (Otis) Banks, and Barbara (James) Nimens. Dear grand mother to 12, great grand mother to 14, and great great grandmother to 1. Preceded in death by children Peter and Sally, and 1 grand child Tony. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

KARAS, LEONARD R., 65 of Wayne, passed away October 3. Dear brother to Kenneth Karas, John (Geneva) Karas of Westland, Michael (Joan) Karas, and Richard (Ann) Karas. Also survived by several nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

KELTZ, BERNARD, 65 of Westland, passed away October 3. Beloved mother of Wendee Keltz, Beckee Williams, and Sandee (Alan) Boyce. Dear daughter to Florence Keltz. Dear sister to Nancy Bolt and Susie Tubba. Loving grandmother to Jessica Anne Boyce. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

KURTINIATIS, CHARLES P., 76 of Westland, passed away October 8. Loving husband of the late Elizabeth Kurtiniatis. Beloved father of Pat, Sally, and Charlene. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Uht funeral Home with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Memorial contributions may be given to the american Diabetes Association.

POWELL. PATRICIA M., 54 of Inkster, passed away September 9. She leaves to mourn her children (Terrence, Francoise, Twila, Deon, Danyale, and Danta. She also leaves behind six grandchildren (Sharnita, Sha'Lea, Terrence, Deonte, Roland, and Anijha), eight brothers, one son-in-law, and many other family members and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Greater Grace Temple in Taylor.

SCHROEDER, DALE A., 42 of Belleville, passed away September 30. Loving father of Jason Allen Schroeder and Lori Lynn Schroeder both of Belleville. Dear son of Donald and Peggy (Brusher) Kobleck, step son of Pam Schroeder of Onekama, Michigan and son-in-law of Sue Wysocki of Belleville. Dear brother of Donald Schroeder of Riverview, Mark Schroeder of Belleville, Mike (Theresa) Schroeder of Harrison, Charles (Cheryl) Kobleck of Plant City, Florida, Leonard (Karen) Hunt of North Carolina, Guy Kobleck of Belleville, Susan Meyers of Fayette, Ohio, and Kristine Hunt of Onekama. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with John N. Grenfell III officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

TAYLOR, SARAH P., 96 of Inkster (bron in Macon, Georgia), passed away on September 13. Left to celebrate her life are her brother Solomon, sister Laura, nieces Sarah Walton and Betty Tyler, their husbands and children, plus many friends and other family members. Arrangements by Pen Funeral Home with services held at New Birth Baptist Church with Rev. Joseph Stephens officiating.

TAYLOR, THELMA J., Age 70 of Beaverton, Michigan formerly of New Boston, Michigan passed away October 8. in Gladwin, MIchigan. Dear daughter of George and Forrest (Lawry) McDonald of Canton, Ohio. Loving wife of Billy Taylor. Beloved mother of Joan Bigelow of Beaverton, Karen Martin of Romulus, Peggy Peters of Clare, and Billy Taylor Jr. of Beaverton. Dear sister of Nellie Erks of Portsmouth, Ohio and Wilma of Ohio. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and one sister. Funeral services were held October 10, 2000 at Hall Funeral Home, Beaverton, Michigan (517-435-9841) with Pastor John Coffman officiating. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery, Gladwin, Michigan.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2000

Supervisor Foster called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Director of Development Kelley, Public Safety Director Perkins, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Parks and Lake Director Cipko, Secretary Payne and an audience of nine (9).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of September 18, 2000, as presented. Carried.

Clark moved, Herman seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2000, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the reappointments of Willard Hawley, Norm DeBuck, Bob O'Keefe, Rick Kozole, Don Wisner, Andy Winnie and Mark Leonard to the Lake Committee, with terms to expire September 1, 2001. Carried.

Budd moved, Clark seconded to approve the reappointment of Anthony Tomaino to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2003. Carried.

King moved, Clark seconded to approve adoption of Resolution 2000-36, in Opposition to Proposal 00-2, an Amendment to the State of Michigan Constitution, as presented. Carried.

King moved, Clark seconded to approve the MMRMA Electric Choice Program Agreement provided the Township has the ability to opt out of the program once the initial feasibility study is complete; that said ability to opt out is acknowledged in a letter of attachment to the agreement, to authorize the payment of $100 to commence the review, to appoint Clerk King as the Board Representative to the electric choice program and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Clark moved, Budd seconded to approve the October 3, 2000 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 8th through October 14th is Fire Prevention Week. Residents are encouraged to use this time to check their smoke detectors and to implement or review fire safety practices. In addition, the Township has a free smoke detector program available for those residents who don't already have detectors installed. Contact the Public Safety Department at 699-8930 for more information.

Absentee ballots have not yet been received from Wayne County; however, absentee ballots applications are available at the Clerk's Office by calling 699-8909.

The fall dance program offers tap, ballet and jazz classes on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921 for registration forms and information.

On Saturday, October 14th from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. an "Adult Dance Party" for singles and couples will be held at the Recreation Center. Dance classes are available prior to the party from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Every Friday and Saturday night through the month of October, the "Haunted Forest" will be held at Van Buren Park from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and the cost is $5.00 per adult victim, $3.00 for victims 11 and under (not suitable for small children). Group rates are available.

Reservations are now being accepted for the holiday "Arts & Craft Show" at the Recreation Department.

Tuesday, October 10th is the last day to register for the November 7th General Election. The Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident discussed the merits of County Proposition A, which is the Cultural, Arts and Recreation Programs Millage for both Wayne and Oakland Counties. He stated the proposition would benefit programs such as the Henry Ford Museum, and Detroit Zoo in addition to providing funding for some local programs.

An Ethic Food Festival fundraiser for the Leukemia Foundation will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2000 at the Eagles of Van Buren. Tickets are $15.00 per person and festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information on these events, contact the Eagles at 699-8836.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: King moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy C. King, CMC
Township Clerk

Helen Foster, CMFA
Supervisor

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Why waste taxpayers money?

To the editor:

As a long time resident of the City of Belleville (since 1936), it is hard for me to believe some of what I see happening with the citizens' tax monies.

The City of Wayne was a very nice little town, up until 1950. What has happened since then is a shame.

At one time, a person could go to Wayne and buy almost anything he or she wished. Try to do this today! All we have in Wayne are a little handful of businesses.

Our City Councilmen and women can see money for planters, brick pavers, new street lights, flowers, and the like for the downtown areas, but cannot see beyond those areas.

Our police department also can see only the dope problems, Michigan Ave., speeders, and Inkster problems. But cannot even show up when a citizen calls and complains about vandalism to a school, or its property.

Another matter that shows just how professional our city employees is the replacement of paving of the easements to the Taft School.

City employees were present when the contractor removed the old paving. They were not stopped when their equipment tore up the year old fencing installed at the easement from Grant Street to Taft School property.

Now one side has been doctored up by cutting tops of some posts, while adding onto short ones, and trying to aline the fence to look good, while not doing a thing to the east fence. The loader used to do this work was just as wide as the old easement; therefore, both fences were ripped and bent up. Now the city is trying to doctor up these fences, and not replace them.

Just how far would a citizen get by trying to do this kind of work and save his money?

I guess that the same rules that apply to you, and I, do not apply to city employees.

Another problem is the school playground equipment was removed, so the construction of the new Taft School could progress. However, this equipment was pulled out of the ground, and pushed into a pile at the southeast corner of the park. Concrete blocks were still attached to legs of the equipment.

To date some new equipment has been installed, and some of the old is missing and other pieces of this equipment is not re-used. Why should they? It's only taxpayers' money.

Why am I writing this account of the City's and schools' method of operations? Just to let other taxpayers know just how important your money is to people who acquire it so easily.

Maybe we should vote these people out and others in, who will think none of the taxpayers, then their own private wants.

Sincerely,
Ron Swan

'Local Votes Count' promotes home rule

To the editor:

I would like to inform readers of this publication about a very important proposal that will be on the November ballot. Let Local Votes Count (Proposal 002) is an initiative citizens in Michigan should care about.

Communities are all unique; uniform laws cannot be effective and should not be applied in a one-size fits all manner.

Let Local Votes Count is based on the concept of home rule, in essence, allowing local leaders to decide what is best for the communities they serve based on the values of local residents. What is good for one community may not be good for another; therefore, the proposal aims to keep the power to enact local laws within the hands of each individual municipality.

Communities are all unique; uniform laws cannot be effective and should not be applied in a one-size fits all manner. I urge Michigan voters to vote "yes" on Let Local Votes Count. Letting lawmakers in Lansing decide what is best for communities all over the state is impractical as well as inefficient. Don't let the state Legislature decide what is best for your community. Let your local vote count.

Sincerely,
Kay Aikins
Mayor Pro-Tem
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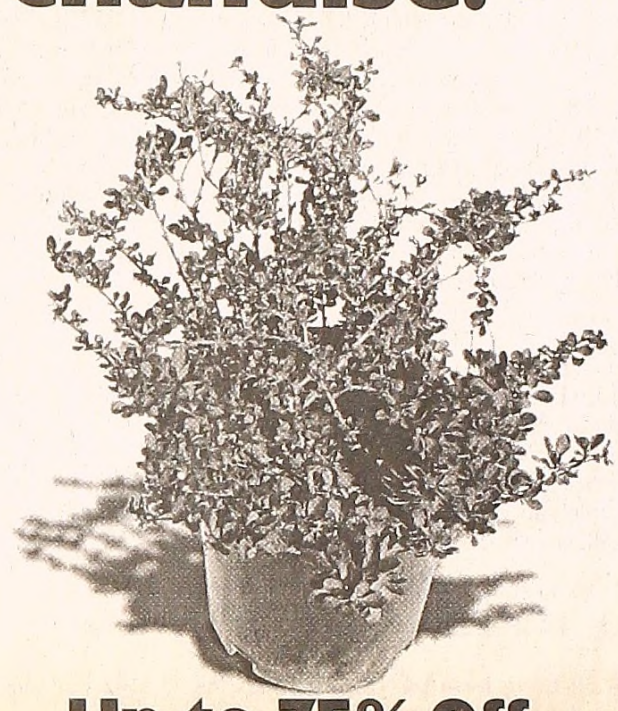

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News from area churches

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

October 12, 2000

Canton Church concert slated Oct. 29

A unique musical and dramatic Christian group — known as Jeremiah People — will be performing at the **Calvary Baptist Church**, 43065 Joy Road in Canton at 6 p.m. Oct. 29.

The nine actors/musicians are continuing a 30-year tradition that brings laughter and tears to their audiences.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information call 734-455-0022.

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Another high energy Christian musical group known as **The Continentals** will be performing at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Oct. 22 at the **Warren Road Church**, 33445 Warren Road in Westland.

The Continentals, a group of more than 30 vocalists and technicians between the ages of 16 and 26 will provide modern interpretations of music, choreography and personal testimony.

The program entitled *Testify to Truth* is open to the public, Pastor David Powless said.

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Gospel singer Esther Smith, cured of tuberculosis, diabetes and caner, will provide stimulating testimony on Sunday at the **Greater Grace Temple** in Taylor.

Smith will be particpating in a program entitled *Millennium Women's Day 2000* and the theme will be *Women of Praise Worshipping the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness: The Power of Prayer and Fasting.* Chairlady of the day's program, Kim Jones, states "God's plan for us is to come together in unity.

"As women, we must have unity in our prayer and fasting lives. Sometimes we can't wait for our spiritual leaders to help us with difficult situations, therefore we need to tap into the divine connection with God," Jones concluded.

Sunday services begin at both 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Pastor Gary Harper said there is no cost to attend and the general public is invited to attend.

For more information call 313-295-4472.

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The **Greater Christ Baptist Church** of Detroit will be offering a week of revival from Oct. 16-19.

The guest revivalist will be the Rev. Frederick D. Haynes III of Dallas, Tex.

Joining Haynes at the revival will be the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey V. Guns of Norfalk, Va.

Revival services will begin at 7 o'clock each evening at the church located at 3544 Iroquois (at Mack) in Detroit.

Haynes revealed his mission is to "empower a changed people to change the world."

The public is invited to attend.

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Two upcoming programs on the **Lutheran Hour** radio program have been announced for coming weeks.

On Oct. 15 a program entitled *The Hug* will be broadcast on WMUZ (560). It centers on the theme "Do you want to tell the Good News about Jesus? Well then start with love."

On Oct. 22 the program listed is *Hooray for Change!*

That program's theme is "you may not like it, but you can't escape change. Faith in Jesus gives you a great way to cope with change."

Jeremiah People to perform on Oct. 29 at Calvary Baptist Church.

CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.172

An Ordinance to amend various sections of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Romulus, ARTICLE II; Definitions, ARTICLE IV: General Provisions, to included specific standards for long term parking and rental car storage; Article XI: Regional Center, Article XV: C-3, Highway Service, Article XVII: M-1, Light Industrial, Article XVIII: MT-1, Industrial Transportation- 1, Article XIX: M-2, General Industrial, Article XX: MT-2, Industrial Transportation-2, and ARTICLE XXI: AP, Airport, to refer to the standards in Article IV regarding long term parking and rental car storage.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

PART 1:

ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS, Section 2.02 Definitions is amended to included the following definitions:

Long-Term Parking Facilities: Any property on which the permitted principal use is for the storage of privately owned, personal motor vehicles for a period of twelve hours or more

PART 2:
ARTICLE IV: General Provisions

Section 4.39 Long-term parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and automobile auction facilities

A. Long-term surface parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and automobile auction facilities do not represent the highest and best use of land within the City; the proliferation of large paved areas create a negative image; and surface parking lots are not consistent with the objective of encouraging other types of commercial uses, such as hotels, offices, and high quality manufacturing facilities that provide a greater contribution to the City's economy.

B. Long-Term Parking Facilities must meet the following conditions:

1. Long-Term Parking Facilities located in the RC, C-3, M-1, MT-1, M-2, MT-2, and AP District shall be permitted only if the entire parking facility is a parking structure. A parking structure means that the facility has at least one parking level in a structure above the entire area of ground floor parking, or parking above some other ground floor use pennitted in the district in which the proposed facility is located, or a non-parking related building is constructed above the entire area of ground floor parking. Entrance driveways, collection booths, and other facilities ancillary to the parking facility may be permitted outside of the structure, but surface parking spaces outside of the structure shall not be permitted.

2. Long-term facilities shall have access to a major thoroughfare which has a right-of-way width of at least one hundred twenty (120) feet at the time of development. This right-of-way width requirement applies to the segment of the road extending from the entrance of the site to the nearest freeway interchange.

3. Parking spaces, including parking spaces in a structure, toll booths or any related structures shall be located at least four hundred (400) feet from any road right-of-way.

4. The frontage along the major road shall be of sufficient size so that it can be reasonably developed for uses permitted in the district in which the proposed facility is located. The Planning Commission may recommend that conditions be imposed by the City Council requiring development of the frontage prior to the parking facility. In imposing such a condition, the Planning Commission shall identify two or more phases of the parking facility which may be developed only after development of the frontage.

5. The access drive to the site shall be at least three (3) traffic lanes wide with a minimum of two (2) incoming lanes.

6. Such use shall be compatible with proposed land uses in the district in which the proposed facility is located and consistent with the City Master Plan.

7. The long-term parking lot shall not adversely impact adjacent land uses.

8. The entrance to the parking area shall be landscaped along both sides of the entrance road. A twenty-foot greenbelt shall be provided around the entire perimeter of the parking facility, excluding driveway openings. All greenbelts and landscaping shall meet the requirements of Sections 4.16 and 4.33.

9. Overnight or long-term parking of delivery vans or trucks, truck tractors, over-the-road hauling trucks, semi's, or similar commercial vehicles shall be prohibited. Long term parking of recreational vehicles such as motor homes, travel trailers and similar vehicles shall be prohibited.

10. The site plan for Long-Term Parking Facilities shall comply with the City's Woodland Preservation Ordinance.

11. The Planning Commission may recommend that the City Council not permit long-term airport parking facilities at highly visible locations that may have a negative influence on the character and appearance of the surrounding area. Additionally, added screening requirements may be imposed to reduce the visibility of parking facilities at highly visible locations.

12. A parking facility in the RC District north of Interstate 94 existing on or before March, 1998, or in the RC District south of Interstate 94, C-3, M-1, MT-1, M-2, MT-2, or AP Districts on the date of the adoption of this amendment, may be permitted to expand the surface parking area of the lot by not more than five (5) acres if the additional land area meets the following conditions: it is adjacent to the existing parking facility; it has no access other than from the existing parking facility; and it has no other viable use permitted by the RC, C-3, M-1, MT- 1, M-2, MT-2, and AP District. Once the facility is expanded by a total of five acres, any further expansion must meet the definition of a parking structure as defined above.

C. Car rental establishments must meet the following conditions:

1 . Adequate parking is provided specifically for the car rental establishment.

2. All storage of vehicles shall be within a parking structure. A parking structure means that the facility has at least one parking level in a structure above the entire area of ground floor parking, or parking above some other ground floor use permitted in the district in which the rental car establishment is located, or a non-parking related commercial building is constructed above the entire area of ground floor parking. Entrance driveways, collection booths, and other facilities ancillary to the parking facility may be permitted outside of the structure, but surface parking spaces outside of the structure shall not be permitted.

3. At least twenty (20) feet of greenbelt and landscaping shall be provided along the entire frontage (with the exception of the driveway). Such greenbelt and landscaping shall meet the requirements of Sections 4.16 and 4.33.

4. Customer parking may be provided in the required front yard as long as the area is landscaped to the specifications of Sections 4.33 and 6.04.

PART 3:
ARTICLE XI: RC, REGIONAL CENTER DISTRICT

Section 11.03 Permitted uses after special approval.

The following uses shall be permitted, subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed for each use and subject further to review and approval of the use pursuant to Article XXVII.

PART 4:
ARTICLE XV: C-3, HIGHWAY SERVICE DISTRICT

Section 15.02 Permitted principal uses.

C. Outdoor mobile home, boat, trailer or home equipment rental or sales.

Section 15.03 Permitted uses after special approval.

The following uses may be permitted subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed and subject further to the procedures for special approvals of Article XXVII

D. Automobile, rental, leasing or auction facilities subject to the provisions in Section 4.39.

PART 5:
ARTICLE XVII: M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Section 17.03 Permitted uses after special approval.

The following uses may be permitted subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed and subject further to the procedures for special approvals under Article XXVII:

H. Long term automobile parking facilities; subject to the provisions in Section 4.39.

I. Car rental, car leasing and auto auction facilities subject to the provisions of Section 4.39.

PART 6:
ARTICLE XVIII: MT-1, INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION [DISTRICT] 1

Section 18.02 Permitted principal uses.

A. All permitted and special approval uses in the M-1 District except long-term parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and auto auction facilities, subject to the regulations and special use restric tions of that district.

Section 18.03 Permitted uses after special approval.

The following uses may be permitted subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed and subject further to the special approval procedures of Article XXVII:

D. Long-term parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and auto auction facilities, subject to the provisions in Section 4.39.

PART 7:
ARTICLE XIX: M-2, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL [DISTRICT]

Section 19.02 Permitted principal uses.

A. All permitted and special approval uses in the M-1 District except long-term parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and auto auction facilities, subject to the regulations and special use restrictions of that district.

Section 19.03 Permitted uses after special approval.

The following uses may be permitted subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed and subject further to the special approval procedures of Article XXVII:

F. Long-term parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and auto auction facilities, subject to the provisions in Section 4.39.

PART 8:
ARTICLE XX: MT-2, INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION [DISTRICT] 2

Section 20.02 Permitted principal uses.

A. All permitted and special approval uses in the M-2 Industrial District except longterm parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and auto auction facilities, subject to the regulations and special use restrictions of that district.

Section 20.03 Permitted uses after special approval.

The following uses may be permitted subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed and subject further to the special approval procedures of Article XXVII:

E. Long-term parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and auto auction facilities, subject to the provisions in Section 4.39.

PART 9:
ARTICLE XXI: AP, AIRPORT [DISTRICT]

Section 21.02 Permitted principal uses.

B. Hotels, motels, restaurants, and retail and service businesses incidental to the operation of an airport.

Section 21.03 Permitted uses after special approval.

The following uses may be permitted subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed and subject further to the special approval procedures of Article XXVII:

B. Long-term parking facilities, car rental, car leasing, and auto auction facilities, subject to the provisions in Section 4.39.

C. Air freight forwarders subject to the standards contained in Section 17.03B.

PART 10: Repeal of Conflicting Provisions

All resolutions, ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

PART 11: Severability

The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

PART 12: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meeting held on the 25th. day of September, 2000.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

ATTEST:
William M. Oakley, Mayor

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

INTRODUCED: September 5, 2000
ADOPTED: September 25, 2000
PUBLISHED: October 12,2000

Seniors on the go

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Driving workshop back next week

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Okay senior citizens start your engines!

The Mature Driver Retraining Workshop will resume from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.next Monday and Tuesday at the Canton Township Administration Building.

The workshop will be offered in Room 3 in the basement of the administration building.

A separately scheduled driver's evaluation also will be slated on Wednesday.

The workshop is slated to help drivers (55 and over) self-evaluate themselves behind the wheel.

Instructors will keep no records, it was stressed, and the results of the workshop will have no impact on the driver's license.

Motorists will be able to evaluate their: brake reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception, visual acuity, field of view and glare recovery for night driving.

Continental breakfasts and luncheons will be provided.

The workshop is free for Canton residents and $20 for non-residents.

For reservations call 397-5444.

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Free legal services are available for citizens 60 years and older via help from attorneys from Legal Aid and the Defender Association.

Next legal help time will be 9:30 a.m. Oct. 25 at the Senior Center at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Everyone who arrives by 10:30 a.m. will be seen by lawyers that day.

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A Veterans' Day celebration will be observed during the afternoon on Nov. 12 at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Area veterans and their families are urged to participate in the program citing their military service.

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Canton senior citizens will gather at 1 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Senior Center at the Summit on the Park in Canton to plan their 3rd annual Senior Play.

The actual play will be presented in May 2001.

Area residents are urged to take part in the preliminary rehearsals in November.

Assistance is needed with costumes, props, stage set, etc.

The theatre group motto is "We Take Our Fun Seriously."

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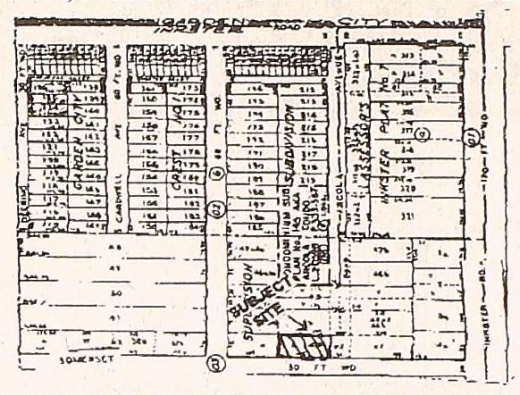
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S ZONING AND HOUSING APPEALS BOARD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD TO CONSIDER GRANTING A VARIANCE TO SECTION 155.060(E) (SCHEDULE LIMITING HEIGHT, BULK, DENSITY AND AREA BY ZONING DISTRICT) OF THE CITY OF INKSTER ZONING CODE, WHICH REQUIRES "NO DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDING IN AN R-1A DISTRICT SHALL EXCEED ONE STORY OR 14 FEET IN HEIGHT". THE APPLICANT, JOE WALKER, IS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A 15-FOOT GARAGE. THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION, IS LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ARCOLA AND SOMERSET AVENUE AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE EAST 145 FEET OF THE WEST 290 FEET OF LOT 43. "DEARBORN TRACTOR ACRES SUBDIVISION. A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE EAST ½ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 24, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST, NANKIN TOWNSHIP (NOW CITY OF INKSTER), WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 39 OF PLATS, PAGE 91, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS. (PROPERTY ID#44-003-03-0043-002, COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS 390 ARCOLA)



PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED. PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY SEND THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, 2121 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN, 48141. COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH 12:00 NOON, OCTOBER 19, 2000. PLEASE REFERENCE CASE NO. BZA2K-08 IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UPON FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY OF INKSTER AT (313)563-3211.

JOAN SPEARS, CHAIRPERSON
ZONING AND HOUSING APPEALS BOARD

Publish: October 12, 2000

CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE OF NUISANCE & HAZARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard existed, consisting of two unsecured windows and an unsecured door, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on property located at 35612 Main Street, Tax ID No. 006-11-0339-000.

By order of the City Manager, the building was secured on an emergency basis. The costs to abate the hazard will be assessed to the owner of record.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: October 12, 2000

TO THE CITIZENS OF ROMULUS

Recently it was brought to my attention that residents located in certain areas of the City did not receive original copies of their water bills and were therefore assessed penalties. The City of Romulus would like to sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please understand that once those bills leave City Hall we have no choice but to rely on the U.S Postal Service for delivery to every mailbox. Unfortunately, that did not occur.

The City has formally contacted the U. S. Postal Service and is awaiting an official response. Be assured that the City of Romulus will do whatever is within its means to correct this problem in the hopes that it does not occur in the future.

Again, please accept our apologies.

Sincerely,

Mayor William Oakley and
The City of Romulus Water Department

Publish: October 12, 2000

CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak
Absent: None
Excused: William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the agenda as amended.*
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-328

2A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 11, 2000.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-329

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to grant Special Use Approval for PC-200-044 to Ron Jona for a gasoline station and convenience store on the southeast corner of Northline and Middlebelt Roads (DP# 098 99 0025 000) in a C-3 (Highway Service) zoned district, subject to the recommendations of the City Planner, City Engineer, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department and submittal of a landscape agreement.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-330

5A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to approve the proposed Street Lighting Special Assessment Roll for the Farms Subdivision.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-331

5B. Motion by Morris, supported by Prybyla to approve the proposed Street Lighting Special Assessment Roll for the Commons Subdivision.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-332

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the proposed Street Lighting Special Assessment Roll for the Fairways at Gateway Subdivision.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None, Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-333

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to enter into the proposed Library Network Shared Automation System Participating Library Service Agreement.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-334

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to comply with the Memorandum of Understanding with Wayne County and vacate approximately three hundred feet (300') of Northline Road west of Wayne Road and to vacate Wahrman Road from Northline to Eureka Road.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-335

5F. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to comply with the Memorandum of Understanding with Wayne County and reimburse Detroit Metropolitan Airport Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.00) which the Airport had paid to the contractor on behalf of the City of Romulus while constructing the new Department of Public Works.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-336

5G. Motion by Crova, supported to Burcroff to accept SCP's bid proposal in the amount of $36,080.85 to supply the office furniture for the new DPW building.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-337

5H. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to award Bid 00/01-10 to Wayne Lawn and Garden in the amount of $6,690.00 for the purchase of a Year 2001 zero turn riding lawn mower.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-338

5I. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to award Bid 00/01-11 to g-a Computer Systems in the amount of $16,628.00 to purchase a Network Server, Consulting and Installation Services.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-339

5J. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99/01-12 to Walsh Service Company in the amount of $2,040.00 for the purchase of eight (8) Panasonic KX-T7130 telephones for the Romulus Police Department.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-340

5K. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to award Bid 00/01-13 to Adams Electronics in the amount of $6,625.00 for the purchase of six (6) Motorola portable radios, rapid charger, antenna and programming for the Romulus Police Department.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-341

5L. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 00/01-14 to the low bidder, PK Contacting, in the amount of $15,616.00 for pavement marking.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-342

5M. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 00/01-1 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
MOTOR VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT FUND				
Equipment Fund	Machinery & Equipment	$1,479.045	4,500	1,483,545

RETAINED EARNINGS	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	AMENDED BUDGET
Motor Vehicle & Equipment Fund	1,257.604	4,500	1,253,104

To appropriate addition funds for purchase of memory cards for Accuvote Tabulators.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-343

5N. Motion by Morris, supported by Prybyla to schedule a public hearing to be held on October 23, 2000 at 7:15 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on the vacating of various streets and alley in the Ecorse Community Subdivision.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-344

5O. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to schedule a public hearing to be held on October 23, 2000 at 6:45 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on the vacating of various streets and alleys in the Airport Estates Subdivision.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-345

5P. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to adopt a resolution to amend "The Policies and Procedures Manual" page 33 - Policy #15 to include full time firefighter and page 35 - Policy #17 to provide for the full time firefighters to receive benefits equivalent to those provided to the Teamsters employees with a six (6) month probationary period.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-346

5Q. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to authorize Mayor Oakley to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with Jerry Ladach to serve as Fire Department Coordinator for the City of Romulus.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-347

5R. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award the bid for the Cogswell Road pavement reconstruction from Van Born to Ecorse Road and the Ecorse Road and Cogswell Road intersection improvement to Dan's Excavating Company in the amount of $3,858,415.44.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla. Nays - Gear, Romak. Motion Carried.

00-348

*5S. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant - 1999 in the amount of $42,300.00 with a $4,707.00 match.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-349

6A1. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to approve the second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.172 introduced at the meeting of September 5, 2000, standards for long term parking and rental car storage.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-350

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to approve the payment of Warrant 00-18 in the grand total amount of Three Hundred and Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Seven Dollars and Sixty Two Cents ($309,267.62).
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova . Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk,
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 25, 2000.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Romulus High royalty

Romulus High School Year 2000 Homecoming Queen Jessica Jackson (extreme left) is joined by her royalty court. From left are Nicole Johnson, Christie St. John, D'Aun Dawson and Tracy Cook. Special MCN Photo

Mock anti-terrorist effort conducted in Romulus

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Scores of Romulus city employees and private citizens teamed up recently to implement a mock terrorist action within the city.

Margaret Leduc, coordinator of the Romulus Emergency Management unit, said the action was conducted at the urging of the federal government to help identify potential hazards, resources and response actions in such a terrorist threat.

In addition to Romulus Police and Fire Department units, Leduc said, others who participated included the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Co., Michigan State Police and the Wayne County Airport Police.

As plans for the exercise expanded, local businesses joined the effort by evacuating their facilities during the exercise.

They included: Woodbridge Corp., Hi-Po-Chlor, MBM Manufacturing, Chemcentral/Detroit, Environ and Champion Rack Storage Co.

Leduc offered her thanks to the companies and personnel involved in the anti-terrorist effort, especially Police Fire Safety Commissioner Ken Choate "for his assistance in planning and executing this year's full scale exercise."

> *"October is National Fire Safety Month, families, schools and businesses are urged to plan and practice their own emergency plan*
> **-Margaret Leduc**

Since such exercises are learning experiences, Leduc said, some glitches were discovered and corrective actions were implemented.

Since October is National Fire Safety Month, she said, families, schools and businesses are urged to plan and practice their own emergency response efforts now.

To help families, all local school children will be given a packet of information to help such family planning efforts.

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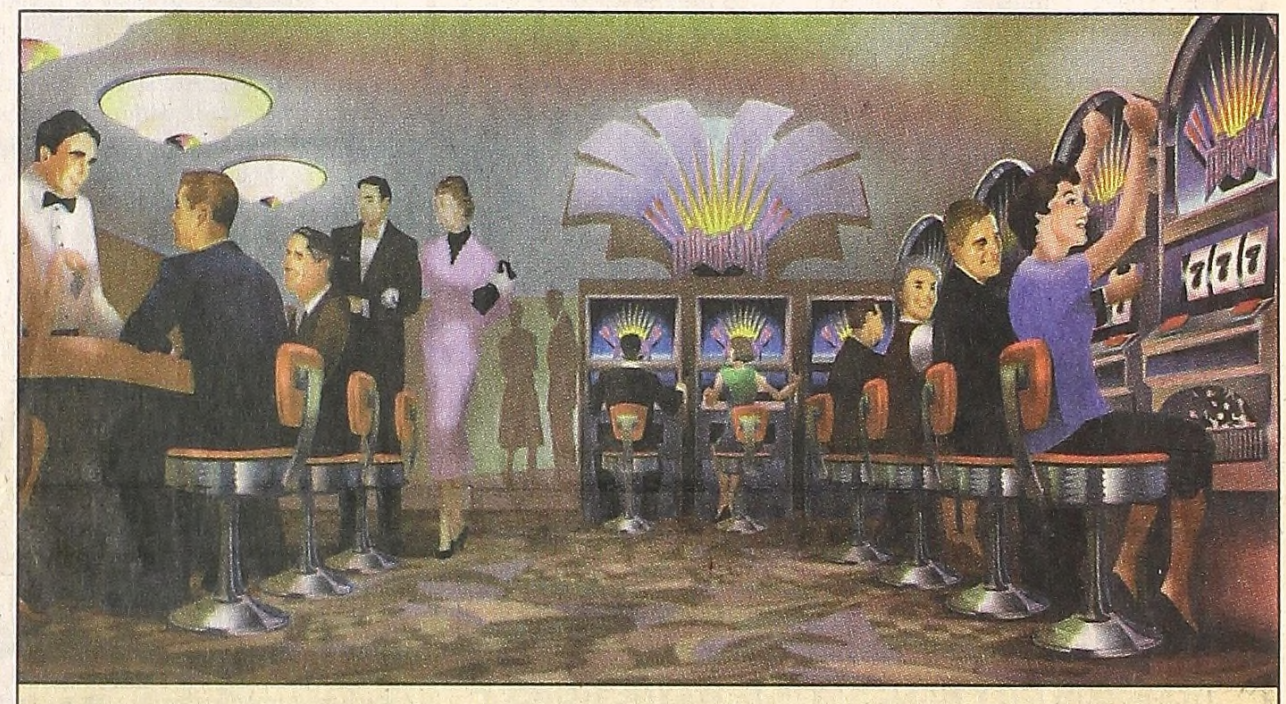

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SPORTS

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'The untouchables'

Romulus, Belleville stand at edge of perfection

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After seven weeks of battles on the gridirons, Romulus and Belleville have survived, unscathed by their opponents, and stand two games away from the doors of perfection.

But, if the two teams win Friday night, one will have the door slammed on it. The two local teams meet the following week, at Romulus High School, to decide which team would enter the state playoffs with a perfect 10-0 record.

But that's looking ahead, and neither Belleville coach Bob LaPointe or Romulus's Wade Cook would speculate on the future. Their moment is now, they say.

"One game at a time - that's all we think about here," said Cook, after the Eagles destroyed their seventh consecutive opponent, which happened to be Trenton, 40-6. And that triumph was accomplished incidentally before a packed stadium filled with homecoming fans.

"We have a tough Redford Thurston opponent next," Cook continued. "And fans may have forgotten, but we haven't, they (Thurston) beat us a year ago, and by doing so we were denied the home field advantage in the playoffs."

Cook said he believes the upcoming battle will be a hard-fought one, "and they would like nothing better than to snap our streak."

Belleville is coming off of an impressive 19-7 victory over neighboring Ypsilanti, a team that always throw everything they have at the Tigers.

Friday night, LaPointe and the Tigers pack up their gear and head for Dearborn Fordson. The Tractors have a lot of tradition behind them, "and this one isn't going to be an easy one" for LaPointe & Co.

It was surprisingly easy for Romulus to silence Trenton. With senior quarterback Daniel Jarrett turning in his best overall performance of the season, the Eagles jumped out in front 7-0 late in the first quarter, increased their advantage 27-6 at the half before breezing to a 40-6 victory.

Jarrett got the first Romulus score. He opted for the option and broke through Trenton's soft center and raced 60-yards for the TD. Steve Moore converted, and with 2:25 left in the opening quarter, Romulus had a 7-0 lead.

But the Trojans put together a long drive after the ensuing kickoff and managed to score on a trick play just before the end of the quarter. The visitors failed to convert, but remained in the game, 7-6, until Romulus' Charles Searcy got down to business.

Early in the second period, in fact, in the first minute (10:23), Searcy used a counter play to test the right side of the Trenton line, found it defenseless, and he was gone. Eighty-five yards later, and Moore's extra-point lifted the Eagles to a 14-6 edge. There was no turning back.

The hosts made it a 20-6 game late in the second quarter as Jarrett and split end Chris Talley teamed up on an 18-yard pass. Moore missed the extra point on this one.

Romulus was not done yet.

After an exchange of punts, and with only 30 seconds left until the homecoming floats, the King & Queen made their halftime appearances, the Eagles struck again. After two unsuccessful plays, Jarrett again decided to go to Talley, but this time with a short pass, and the split end converted the catch into a 35-yard scoring play.

See **EDGE**, page B-2

Robichaud awaits Annapolis

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If there were any time that Robichaud needs a victory, it is this week.

Seven weeks into the season, Robichaud is groping to find its first win, and Friday night coach Mark Medlock's Bulldogs will host cross-town opponent, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, for their traditional homecoming game.

"We're struggling," said Medlock, after a 34-6 Mega-Gold loss to Crestwood. "We have not one a game, and it isn't easy for the kids, the staff and myself.

"But, like I tell everyone who will listen, we can hold our heads high. We will be back because this school, these kids are not quitters."

Annapolis isn't going to be an easy game for the Bulldogs. The Cougars are well-coached, have a solid defense and an offense that mixes passing with running, Medlock pointed out.

"Obviously we need a win, and Friday would be a good time to start turning things around," Medlock added.

Robichaud and Crestwood exchanged touchdowns early in the first quarter with the Chargers getting on the board first. But, after the ensuing kickoff, Marcus Johnson, Robichaud's junior quarterback, came back with a pair of "bombs" that exploded in the secondary and placed the Bulldogs at the Crestwood one.

First, Johnson hit Gary Morris on a 50-yarder that put the Bulldogs at the Charger 45. Then, his second toss went to Leroy Coleman who managed to reach the one before he was nailed by the defenders.

On the next play from scrimmage, Johnson got the job done and went into the end zone for what was to be Robichaud's only TD of the game.

The Chargers scored again in the quarter, added a second quarter TD and held the edge 20-6 at halftime before coasting to a 34-6 victory.

Johnson turned in his best overall performance of the season as her pitched for 161 yards on a six-of-13 passing effort. He joined outside linebacker Keith Lacroix to provide most of the op-

See **BULLDOGS**, page B-4

On the run

Leaving a pair of Romulus defenders behind, Inkster freshman guard Mikike Williams (4) gets caught up in the fast pace of a fast break. The Vikings managed to break loose in the second half and hand the highly-touted Romulus Eagles a four-point loss in their Mega-Gold Division showdown. Under first-year coach Dave Mann, the Vikings have won eight straight and are undefeated on the season. ***The story is on Page 2*** Photo by Carl Brown

Vikings host unbeaten Rouge for homecoming

Inkster picked up its fourth victory en route (hopefully) to a post-season playoff berth Friday.

The Viking win came at the expense of Highland Park.

But, the Vikings need two more wins in order to qualify for the playoffs. They will meet undefeated River Rouge (7-0) Friday, and a week from Friday, coach Mark Townsend's Vikings will send his troops on Lansing Catholic Central.

"Our kids know what we have to do to reach our goal," said Townsend, after the Vikings went out and defeated Highland Park 8-0 on running back Robert Scott's third quarter touchdown. " Our destiny is in our hands, no one else's. We have the ability to win, but we have to go out there and win on the playing field.

Townsend said he is very impressed with this year's Rouge team. "They have speed, size and can hurt you in so many ways," stressed the Viking coach. "But, you can toss out the records. This one is going to be a dogfight from start to finish - bet on it. It's war."

And Friday's Mega-Gold finale game has been designated as Inkster High's homecoming.

"We need to step up our game a notch or two to get the job done."

The Vikings did just that against Highland Park.

Scoreless the first half, the Vikings came back in their first series after the intermission with an eight-play, 53-yard drive that culminated in Scott's 12-yard touchdown run.

Scott made good use of Adrian Matthews' blocking. Hunter used the same play, Matthews running interference for Scott to score the two-point conversion.

The TD was set up by Hunter, who jarred the ball loose from a Parker running back. Matthews was on top of the play and recovered at the 45.

Scott finished the game with 85 yards on 10 carries, including the touchdown. Hunter was on target with seven of his 12 passes for 110 of the team's 310 total yards.

Townsend lauded the defense.

"Whenever you can shut out the opponents, you know that the defense is going its job."

The Viking coach said that Hunter, at strong safety, Matthews, defensive end; Scott and Antonio Wimberly, linebackers, were exceptional in the victory against Highland Park.

Thanks to defense, Ellison's TD, Salem savors win over Spartans

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Thanks to a superb defense and senior running back Brandon Ellison's fourth quarter touchdown, Plymouth-Salem and coach Tom Moshimer ended their losing streak at the expense of North Farmington.

Ellison capped a 63-yard drive early in the fourth quarter with a plunge into North's end zone from the one that broke a scoreless Western Lakes Conference duel.

Salem's sophomore quarterback Dave Hoskins came up with a 22-yard, off-tackle run that set up Ellison's touchdown.

With 8:43 remaining in the game, James March kicked the extra point, and the Rocks had a 7-0 lead that the defense managed to protect.

"This game was tight all the way," stressed Moshimer who now has to regroup his team for the conference playoffs. "Our defense got the job done. We held them to a total of 147 yards, 67 of those passing. We definitely controlled the ball in this game."

Franklin will host the Rocks in a game scheduled for 7:30 p.m. that also will bring the curtains down on the Year 2000 conference season. Moshimer says that Franklin "looked good against Churchill last week."

"In my opinion Franklin quarterback Joe Ruggiero is one of the finest, if not the finest QB in the league. If he had the supporting cast that some of the other teams had, you would have heard more about him."

The veteran Salem coach said that one of the keys to the game "is to make sure that Ruggiero doesn't come up with any big plays."

Salem will end the campaign playing traditional rival, Canton. And, for the first time in recent memory, it will be Canton who'll enter the confrontation as the "favorite."

See **SALEM**, page B-4

Dave Mann, in his first year at Inkster High as the girls' basketball coach, has the Vikings up and running. The Vikings are undefeated and on the edge of winning their first-ever Mega-Gold Division girls basketball title. **Turn to Page 2-B for the story.** *Photo by Carl Brown.*

Rockets clearly headed into desired direction

After 32-7 win over Stevenson, Glenn is one away from playoffs

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Shooting down a trigger-happy Livonia Stevenson, 32-7, Friday night, Westland John Glenn's Rockets are heading into the final two weeks of the regular high school football season needing just one more victory to qualify for the state playoffs.

Coach Chuck Gordon ball club will face Wayne Memorial, a team that has struggled throughout the year 2000 campaign, but always shows up ready to play against their natural rivals, in one of the two remaining games.

Before the cross-district rivalry confrontation, however, the Rockets have a date Friday night to meet Western at the Walled Lake high school's field in a Western Lakes Conference playoffs.

Western, the defending conference and Class A state champs, was trounced decisively by Farmington Hills Harrison, 27-14.

Scoring early against Stevenson, Glenn disposed of a Spartan machine that was one of the most potent on offense in the conference and the area.

The Spartans had been averaging about five TDs a game thanks to quarterback Shaun Casey and running back Danny Wilson. Glenn's defense neutralized the scoring duo.

Casey didn't get an opportunity to land his "bombs" on target as the Rocket defense, spearheaded by defensive end Mark Wacker who had two sacks of the QB, and Dan Smitherman who swatted away three passes, kept the senior Spartan signal-caller in check most of the evening.

Smitherman scored two unanswered first-quarter touchdowns.

On the second play from scrimmage, after an illegal procedure penalty against the hosts, Smitherman broke loose for a 61-yard touchdown which should have sent a message to the visitors.

Then, Andrew Peiffer connected on the point-after to lift Glenn to a 7-0 lead.

Midway in the quarter, the Rockets struck again as quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz engineered a four-play, 55-yard drive that culminated with Smitherman's four-yard TD burst. The score was set up by linebacker Craig Lewis's interception and a diving catch at the Stevenson 8-yard line by receiver Karon Latimer.

Two plays later Smitherman took the ball into the end zone.

Casey came back with a 14-play drive that consumed most of the time in the second quarter.

The series was highlighted by Wilson's 38-yard run, one shy of the Rocket goal line. On the next play, the Spartans scored.

Glenn opened up the third quarter with one of its best sustained drives of the season as Ceckiewicz put together 19 plays, that included first-down passes to Peiffer.

The Rockets took up all of 9 1/2 minutes to get to the Spartan one where Ceckiewicz, on a first down situation, faked to Smitherman, then lunged into the end zone for his team's third TD.

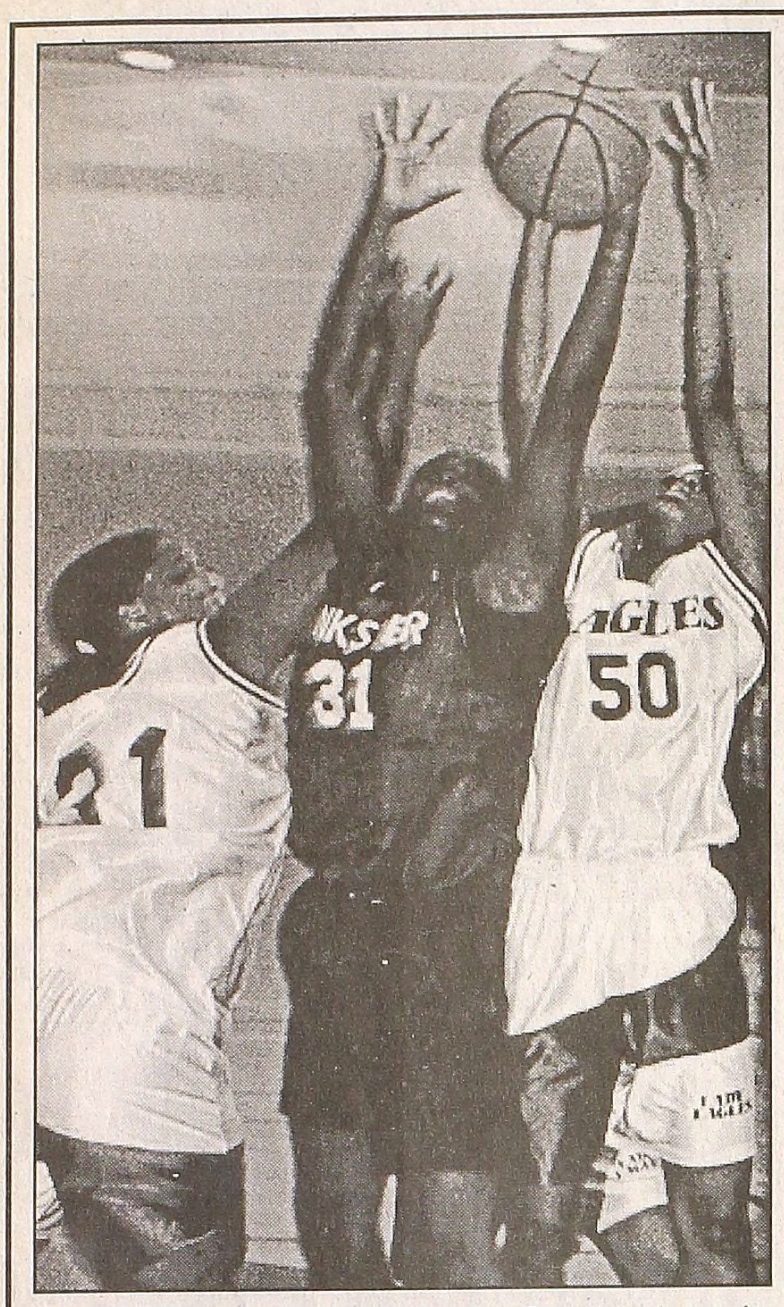
Peiffer's point-after attempt failed, however, the Westlanders were sitting on a 20-7 lead.

Stevenson's last-ditch bid for a touchdown - a 50-yard pass completion by Casey that carried the visitors' to Glenn's 14, was disrupted by Brandon Ajouny's pass

See **ROCKETS**, page B-4

Girl's Hoop

Inkster makes it 8 in a row



Inkster's Tiffany Smith (31) battles two Romulus players for possession of this rebound. Smith and the Vikings managed to hang on to a big 44-40 victory to remain undefeated on the year. Photo by Carl Brown

Romulus wastes Beasley's 17

Despite a heroic effort by Romulus' Patrice Beasley, Inkster turned back its Mega Conference, Gold Division opponent, 44-40, to stretch its winning streak to eight, and remain undefeated in girls' high school basketball competition on the season.

Coach Dave Mann's Vikings led all the way in this one, but the Eagles would not let go and kept it close to the final whistle thanks to the efforts of Beasley.

Beasley pumped in a game high 17 points. Teammate Tiffany Ash scored 14.

Inkster managed to jump out to an early lead and held a 16-13 advantage after the first period as Carena Easley paved the way for the winners.

With the Inkster defense holding their rivals to single digits in the second and third periods, the Vikings came out ahead 27-20 at halftime and led 37-27 for three.

The Eagles closed within four thanks to Beasley's two fourth quarter baskets.

Romulus could have wrapped it up at the free throw line, but they could canned only nine of 21 offerings.

Easley's 12 points were tops for the Vikings. Evelyn Heath and Tiffany Smith each chipped in with seven.

"I am very pleased to come away with the victory," said Mann, who took over the Inkster program in September. "But I felt we played far below our potential. We led all the way, but couldn't put the game away until the last minute."

Vikings crush Robichaud

Outscoring natural rival Robichaud, 25-7, in the first period, Inkster rolled to a 64-29 victory over their Mega-Gold opponents on Thursday as three Viking players scored in double figures.

Inkster's balanced attack was led by Carena Easley, who finished with a game-high 17 points. Teammate Tiffany Smith chipped in with 15, while Evelyn Heath counted 13 points.

The best response from Robichaud came from LaDonna Nealy who scored nine points. Mary Riley finished with seven for Robichaud.

Earlier in the week, coach Warren Woods' Bulldogs came out on the shortend of a 33-25 decision with Highland Park. Robichaud led after one, 6-2, but the Parkers came back in the second period and outscored their visitors 14-4 to go up 16-10 at halftime

Riley, who had 10 points and 12 rebounds, led a third quarter rally, but it was all for naught as the Parkers managed to hold their visitors scoreless the last period.

Robichaud was without the services of Erica Davis, who sprained her ankle in the overtime loss to Dearborn Heights Annapolis a week ago. Davis should be about 85 percent ready to go this week, according to Woods.

"She is the team's captain and makes this ball club click," said Woods. "We hope she will be ready to play this coming week.

The Bulldogs will host Melvindale tonight after clashing with a strong Carlson team on Tuesday.

Incidentally, Inkster took on the Cardinals of Melvindale Tuesday and has a Mega Conference crossover game scheduled Thursday night against Ypsilanti High.

Wayne suffers setback

Wayne Memorial began the second round of the Mega-White Conference the same way it began the first - with a loss to Redford Union.

R.U. turned back Coach Wayne Woodward's ball club, 41-23, as the visitors jumped out to an 8-2 lead and never looked back. It was a disappointing loss for the first year Wayne coach.

"We lost to them by three or four the first round, so I felt that we could beat them on our home court," Woodward said. "We didn't play well. In fact, I felt as if we had taken a couple of steps back from where we were."

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Edge

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Up now 27-6 at the half, Cook didn't have to boil his Eagles in the locker room, but reminded them that a letdown in the second half was possible, but it better not happen.

It did - for 12 minutes.

Trenton kept Romulus off the scoreboard the third quarter, but they couldn't stop Searcy, who came up with a three-yard touchdown run in the fourth with 10:30 left in the game.

Searcy's TD was set up by outside linebacker Wendell Woods, who got his second pick of the game.

Then, with 2:45 left, junior fullback Fredrick Harbor decided it was time to get him a six-pointer, and he scored from the 14 after a five-play, 59-yard drive.

Searcy continues to amass incredible stats. He now has 17 TDs and a little more than 1,400 yards on the season after his 241-yards, on 23 carries and two TD performance against Trenton.

Jarrett also picked up a pair of touchdowns - one running and one passing. He was eight of 14 passing for 55 yards and also rushed for 107 yards.

"It was definitely Daniel's best performance of the season," Cook - almost said Woodson, that's Mark Woodson, former Romulus coach who was on the sidelines for this game. (Woodson is presently on the coaching staff at Eastern Michigan University.)

Harbor also stood out. He rushed for 75 yards on eight attempts and one TD.

The Eagles amassed a total of 508 yards.

Cook said that, although the offense was outstanding, the defense "must get a lot of credit for an `exceptional effort'." The Romulus coach said that Woods, at outside linebacker, deserves credit for his performance - Woods had a sack of the QB, an interception and a forced fumble.

Harbor, who also plays an inside linebacker's post, was credited with two solos and four assists, while Talley, Bruce Thompson, Bruce Donald also turned in exemplary performances.

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Twisters fall in first round of playoffs

Lake Shore championship eludes previously undefeated ball club

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Streaks, sports sophists will tell you, are made to be broken.

But, Twisters' CEO Glenn Brothers, who watched his team win 10 in a row during the regular season, didn't expect to see his club's 10-game winning streak broken in the first-round of the Lake Shore Conference playoffs.

The highly-favored and nationally-ranked Twisters took it on the chin Saturday night as the Lorain, Ohio Steelmen shocked the previously undefeated Twisters, 7-0, in the opening round of the playoffs.

"We just didn't expect this one," said Brothers afterwards. "When you win 10 straight, and you're riding high, you really aren't ready for the fall."

But what a fall it was for the Twisters.

The Twisters had embarrassed the Steelmen during the regular season, but the Ohio club came back Saturday night with an impregnable defense at Willow Run's Stadium.

After posting a league record-setting 10-0 won-lost mark in regular-season play, the Twisters' dream of winning the coveted LSFL championship and entering the national post-season level competition proved disastrous.

"Our offense had numerous opportunities, but unfortunately we were unable to cash in on them," Brothers later offered. "This is the first time we have failed to put points on the scoreboard in 11 games."

The Twisters had several ligitimate scoring opportunities, but blew them in the cold and freezing weather of the evening. They marched inside the enemy's 20 on two separate occasions, then atypically handed the ball over to the visitors on two fumbles.

Add to those two costly turnovers, three untimely interceptions by the Twisters, and it's a wonder that the score was as close as it was.

Twelve minutes into the game, the Steelmen struck what proved to be the fatal blow. The Ohio team recovered a Twister punt return, at the Twisters' 26-yard line. Two plays later, facing a third and seven situation, the Steelmen opted to of with their 255-pound all-conference running back Michael Church.

Church, on a draw play, plowed through the Twister line and scored from 23-yards out and, after the visitors made good on the point-after, it was all they needed to upset their opponents.

No one can point the finger of blame at the Twister defense, however.

The defense forced six Steelmen punts, and it also stopped three attempted field goals of 37, 34 and 41-yard range. The 41-yard failed attempt triggered momentary excitement as it fell short of the cross bar and the ball was scooped up six yards deep in the end zone by Twister defensive back Matt Graca who returned it 61 yards before he was tackled by the last defender.

In addition to Graca's return, rookie John Gajda was instrumental in giving the Twisters excellent field position as he returned three punts for 76 yards.

But, on each occasion, the Twister offense failed to capitalize on their good fortunes.

In their losing cause, "Big Twister" Pat Bowie accounted for 61 yards on eight tries as he maintained his 6.8 average per carry.

The Steelmen offensive unit rushed 29 times for 113 yards but managed to complete only one of seven passes for a total of 18 yards, for a total of 131 yards.

The Twisters' defense was led by Bob Pensari and Aaron Brothers, who turned in superlative performances. Equally commendable is that the Twister defense has held its opponents to an average of 90 yards per game, according to their CEO.

"I am truly sadden by our untimely loss, but on the other hand I am very pleased and proud to be associated with these young men," said Brothers. "Under the most trying of difficult circumstances, our athletes had total control of their personal and private emotions.

"And their conduct was exemplary not only during this playoff game and throughout the season, but on and off the field as well. They are truly role models for the youngsters who will follow in their footsteps," said Brothers.

Romulus's Fred Harbor leaves Trenton defenders in his wake as he races into the end zone for one of five Eagle TDs in a 40-7 victory.
Photo by Carl Brown

Volleyball sign-up dates set

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Canton Township Recreation Department is seeking teams and players for its adult co-ed volleyball leagues.

Team managers or representatives and players may register, in person, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Canton Parks and Recreation offices, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Teams returning from the 1999 season may register starting from Oct. 16. Registration will be ongoing until the league is filled. New teams may register beginning on Oct. 23.

Officials note that there is a 24 team limit. Competition will be waged over a nine-week period. All players must be 18 or over in order to compete in the league.

Registration, per team, is $160.

In addition, each team must pay the referee $10 per week at the court prior to their match.

Games will begin at 6:15 p.m., 7:25 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. and conducted either at the Summit on the Park gymnasium or Central Middle School gymnasium.

There is an Oct. 30 deadline, or when the league fills.

Managers or players who need further information may contact the Canton Township recreation department at 397-5110.

WYAA begins registration for hoops

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland Youth Athletic Association officials this week announced that they are accepting applications from prospective basketball players, boys and girls, for the year 2000-2001 season.

Registration will be accepted from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday at the Lange Compound located at 6050 Farmington Road, just north of Ford Road.

Participants have a Nov. 5 deadline to register for the upcoming season.

Players will be assigned to divisions according to their ages. WYAA officials say they will field leagues for the following age groups, if enough players sign-up: Ages 7-8; 9-10; 11-12; 13-14; and 15-17; the girls' divisions include: 9-10; 11-12; and 13-14.

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'Air ball'

Robichaud's Samantha Allen (33) and Inkster's Sophia Wilks (22) are in the midst of struggle to regain possession of an "air ball". But it was no struggle for the Vikings in their bid for their eighth win last week as they overpowered their natural rivals in a Mega Conference, Gold Division game. Photo by Carl Brown

Salem

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Back to the stats of the North game.

Ellison rushed for 101 yards on 15 attempts, along with scoring the only touchdown of the game. Although Hoskins went to the air seven times and found receivers on three occasions for a total of 20 yards, the soph QB also rushed for 53 yards on 17 attempts.

Salem running backs Justin Barnett and Myron Covington each carried the ball nine times. Barnett compiled 30 yards, while Covington finished with 50.

On defense, Ellison stood out at strong safety, and linebackers John Early and Wes Boyd help keep North off the board.

"The whole defense played an outstanding game. We need another effort from them if we are to stop Franklin this week," Moshimer offered.

Wayne seeks volleyballers

The city of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for Women's Volleyball teams for the upcoming season at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road and Annapolis.

Registration will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Oct. 27.

Registration will cost $240 per team. There are no residency requirements to compete in this league. All games will be played on Monday nights.

For more information, please contact Steve Winkelman at the Wayne Community Center at 734-721-7400.

Rockets

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interception in the end zone that erased the threat.

The Rockets responded with an 80-yard drive that Ceckiewicz punctuated with a pair of 10-yard pass completions to Latimer and Peiffer, and finalized by the Glenn quarterback's 17-yard TD pass to Peiffer. The TD gave the Rockets a 26-7 lead.

Freshman tailback DeAnthony Granberry rounded out Glenn's scoring with a 37-yard touchdown run. It was Granberry's first touchdown as a member of the Glenn varsity squad, and it came with 39 seconds to spare in the game.

Smitherman finished the battle with 194 yards on 32 attempts and three touchdowns. Ceckiewicz turned in his best game of the season as he hit on seven of 15 passes for 105 yards. He scored one TD and passed for a second.

Peiffer caught four of those seven completed passes for a total of 46 yards and one TD.

Glenn's fifth victory also sealed its 20th consecutive winning season.

Hoop

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Wayne got eight points from Sheila Honeycutt, but all of those came in the first half.

Redford Union's Amy Walker was the top scorer for the evening. She tossed in 10 points, and Karen Hillson added nine for the winners who are entered the week with a 3-8 overall record.

The Zebras returned to the home court on Tuesday to tackle Lincoln Park. On Friday, Wayne is at Dearborn Fordson.

Bulldogs

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position against Crestwood's running backs.

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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH and the Wayne Chamber of Commerce now has an Educational Kit 2000 available. Another source for the kids is Michigan Rehabilitation Services at 734-722-7431.

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HELP FOR ALS PATIENTS a workshop on communication devices for ALS and MS patients is slated from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Multiple Sclerosis Society offices at 21311 Civic Center Drive in Southfield. There will be a guest speaker -- Lisa Bardach -- and equipment will be on display and vendors will answer questions. For more information call ALS of Michigan at 800-882-5764.

NEW BIBLE STUDY offered by St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 W. Wayne Road in Westland will begin Oct. 19. The 14 session course being taught by the Rev. Arthur R. Mack costs $20 for the resource book. Classes will be held every Thursday evening for both church members and nonmembers alike. To register call 734-721-5023.

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DADDY-DAUGHTER SWEETHEART DANCE treat your daughter to a musical night out at Romulus High School. Dance will be conducted from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Cost is $7 per couple and $2 extra for each additional daughter. Price includes a flower, one photo, music and refreshments. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. on Oct. 16. Call Romulus Recreation Department at 942-6852 for more information.

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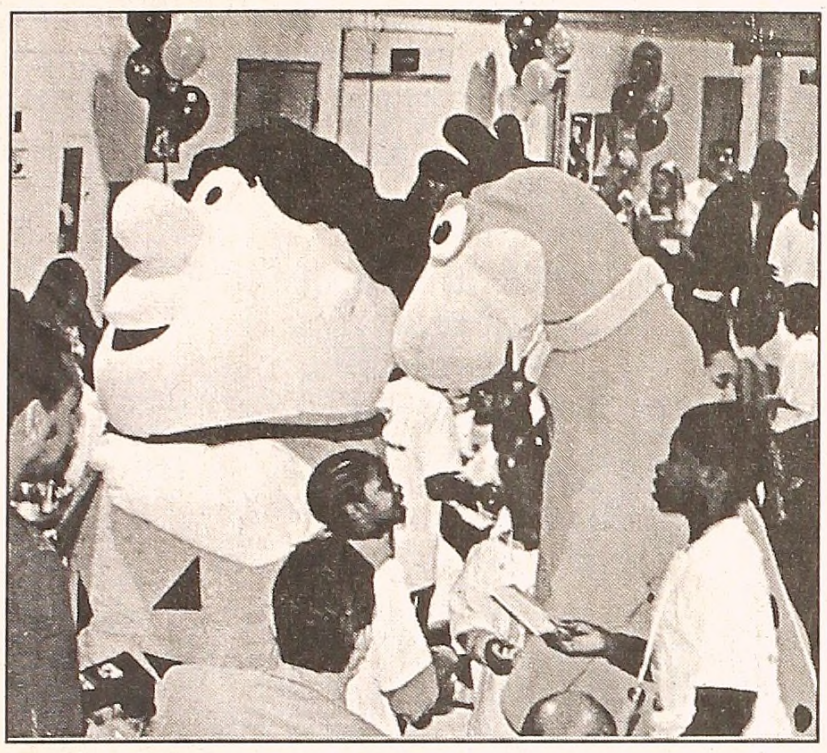

Fred and Dino

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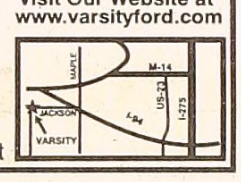

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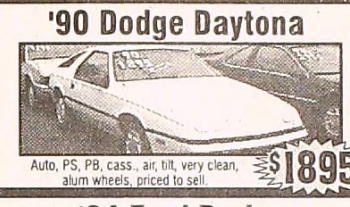

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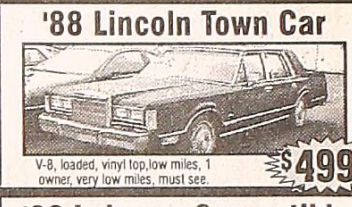

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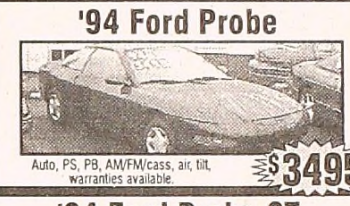

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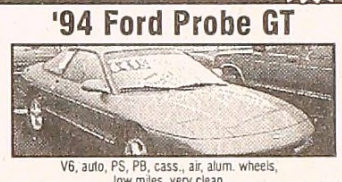

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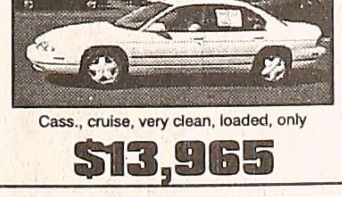

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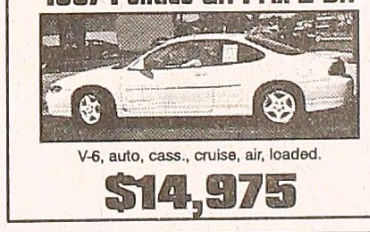

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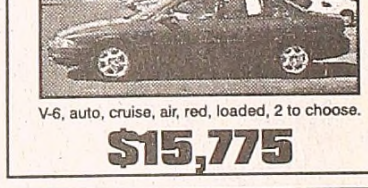

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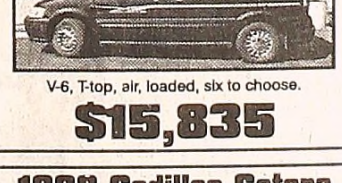

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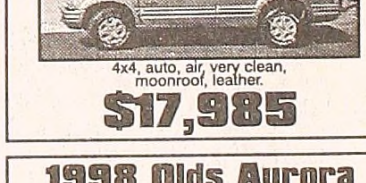

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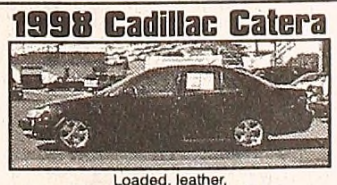

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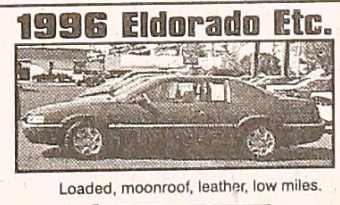

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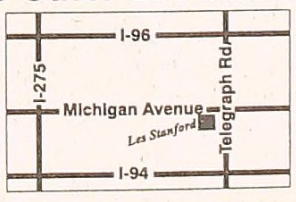

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I can't believe what I just did! I just can't believe it. I just missed my deadline!

It's Monday, mid morning and I had been so right on the mark, working feverishly for the last three hours, working effectively as my school children ate their breakfasts. I was working two jobs at once – columnist (writing at the computer in the family room) and mom (finding the shoes, packing the things in the backpacks, listening to the reading book one more time, and getting them all out the door on time to school), and then, shortly after the third wave of the school gang left and before the two youngest were up and around, I messed up, right at the last second.

And I was practically done with the column; I was just putting the finishing touches on a wonderful column with a wonderful topic, so, so carefully and lovingly wrought. And then I deleted it – with twelve minutes to go before my deadline time. Gone! I stared at the computer screen, incredulous. I must be nightmaring. This is awful!

And then I thought, "Well, maybe it isn't really gone. It's just hiding in the computer somewhere. Like my garbage 'hiding' in the garbage cans in the garage until garbage day. That's where stuff is until it gets really gone when the garbage man dumps the stuff in the back of his truck on garbage day, right? It's not GONE until that very moment. So, maybe like the garbage my column is still there."

Even though I don't like to think of my column and garbage sitting next to each other in the same sentence, the comparison was helpful to make.

I called my husband at work to see if he might guide me through this undoubtedly tricky process of retrieving deleted things from the inside of a computer. No answer. Yikes. Okay. Ten minutes to go. There's still time.

I called my next door neighbor, a good friend AND computer expert. She wasn't home. No answer. Okay. This is bad. One more friend, also in the neighborhood. I dialed, the phone rang four times, didn't look good. Then, YES, she answered. I quickly told her of my predicament. She started giving me instructions; I had to waste more precious time to figure out where the portable phone was so I wouldn't miss a word or nuance of her guidance.

Over the next handful of minutes she patiently guided me to the stark, ugly truth. My column was GONE. Gone, gone, gone. I had two minutes to recreate it. I hung up the phone. I hung my head.

Karen Meier

I didn't have time to have even a little fit or burst into a couple of tears or anything like that. I had time enough only to make the dreaded call to the newspapers waiting for my work. They allowed a grace period. I said grace, and got back to work. And here I am.

As I've been writing this, my two youngest have gotten up and around. And that, historically, just hasn't been a recipe for good column-writing success. Today is no different. Sorry.

I've been sitting at this computer, thinking, writing, crafting, then changing diapers, pouring juice, peeling, cutting bananas into bite size bits, then computer sitting again, writing, crafting, then because Stevie decided to help himself to a second cup of juice and accidentally spilled all the orange juice out of the pitcher all over the table and the floor, switching gears from punctuating sentences to mopping up glop, deciding breakfast was now over, then searching, in vain, for the one TV remote control that gets to the channel with Sesame Street on it, then having to settle for the only accessible channel - the one currently showing women's Olympic beach volleyball from the land down under. My two little boys are watching.

I have GOT to go. See ya next time.

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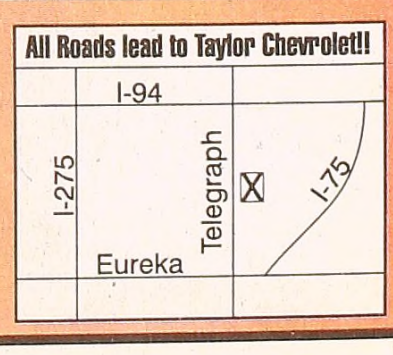

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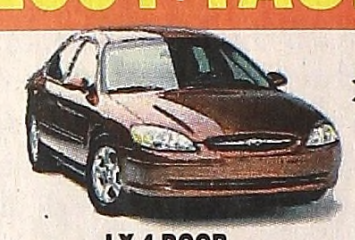

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